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DUKE OF YORK TO BE PROCLAIMED KING GEORGE VI TO-MORROW



His Majesty King Edward VIII will sign the Abdication Bill to-night, following which he will immediately leave England.

CHEERS FOR NEW MONARCH

Demonstrations Of Loyalty

London, To-day.
Loyal demonstrations were witnessed in the West End when the new King returned to his Piccadilly home late last evening. Large crowds completely blocked the roadway and greeted the new King with shouts of cheers. The King saluted the crowd by raising his hat several times. After he had entered the house the crowd sang the National Anthem.
Every road leading to Piccadilly was blocked by cars, taxis and buses while the crowd outside kept up continuous shouts of "We want Albert" and "Long Live the King."
—Reuter.

FULL TEXT OF BALDWIN'S STATEMENT

"I AM GOING TO MARRY" STATED KING ON NOVEMBER 16

London, To-day.
Never was the House of Commons so full as it was yesterday. All the benches were packed with the exception of the places of the Premier, Major C. R. Attlee, Labour leader and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal leader. The Peers, Diplomatic and Dominion galleries likewise were very full, and many were unable to obtain admission.
Fifty questions were quickly answered, mostly unaided amid the excited hum of the tense audience.
All were obviously conscious of the gravity of the most historic Parliamentary occasion since the outbreak of the War.
As the murky and foggy daylight of the December afternoon faded, the lights were switched on, throwing into greater relief the somberness of the scene. Nearly everyone, including the women, wore black, matching the sadness of their thoughts.

PRIME MINISTER ENTERS

Mr. Stanley Baldwin entered at 3.35 p.m., and was received with a restrained but full and wholehearted cheer. He sat between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon.
The Premier was very pale. He wore a short black coat, striped trousers and a black tie.
Mr. Baldwin rose slowly and walked to the bar of the House, holding a paper, and announced a message from the King, signed by his own hand.
Mr. Baldwin said: "I have to move His Majesty's most gracious message to be now considered. No graver message attempt at dressing up or ad-

EMPIRE VOICES DEEP SORROW

"NOTHING SHORT OF A TRAGEDY"

NEW ZEALAND'S LOYALTY AS ENDURING AS EVER

London, To-day.
News of King Edward's abdication has been received with the deepest sorrow throughout the Empire. A message from Capetown states that real sorrow and sympathy are perhaps the most dominant note in the reaction of the people, though the new King is certain of a hearty welcome.
At Ottawa it is felt that the regal, constitutional and human qualities of the King will make his abdication nothing short of a tragedy for the people of Canada, while from Canberra a message is to the effect that Mr. Lyons, the Australian Premier, in announcing the abdication, said that "we all wish most heartily that the King had acted otherwise. With the deepest sadness in our hearts we bid farewell to King Edward and turn our thoughts to the new King, who is also a man we know and love."
Messages from Wellington also show that the news was received with the deepest regret. "This is one of the saddest days in the history of the British people," said the Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, who added that the loyalty of New Zealand to the Crown was as strong and as enduring as ever.

DESTINATION OF KING EDWARD UNKNOWN

London, To-day.—King Edward does not intend to go to Cannes, according to good authority. His destination will be kept a close secret until he has left.—Reuter.



Mr. Winston Churchill, above, said "I accept wholeheartedly the Premier's statement that the decision was taken by the King this week-end freely, voluntarily and spontaneously in his own time and in his own way."

KING EDWARD TO BROADCAST?

REPORT ISSUED BY B.B.C.

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

London, To-day.
Following his formal abdication, King Edward will broadcast a speech to-night in order to pay homage to his successor, according to an announcement issued by the British Broadcasting Company last evening which, however, still lacks official confirmation.
King Edward will probably speak from Sunningdale, but it is considered that it is not unlikely that he will address his former subjects from some place abroad.
King Edward spent yesterday at Fort Belvedere examining official documents, and the Duke of York paid him a visit, there last evening having a long conversation with his brother.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FULL ACCOUNT

"I shall have little or nothing to say in the way of comment or any criticism or praise or blame. I think my best course is to tell so far as I can what passed between His Majesty and myself and what led up to the present situation."
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(Left) His Royal Highness the Duke of York, second son of His late Majesty King George V, whose accession to the Throne in succession to His Majesty King Edward VIII will be proclaimed from St. James's Palace to-morrow. (Right) Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York.



LONDON PRESS VIEWS THE ONE WISH PEOPLE COULD NOT GRANT BELOVED KING

London, To-day.
The Daily Telegraph says that the price of renunciation astounds the world. The King, who had won so completely the affections of his people, might have asked them almost anything and they would have given it with both hands. But there is always something which duty must deny, and it will be the abiding grief of the thousands who loved the King that the one thing he asked was the marriage which he deems necessary for his happiness but which they judged would be disastrous to the Crown and realm.

King Edward's case stands solitary and unique. The tragedy for the Empire is that it has now broken the column which might well have been one of the most stately pillars of a temple, but the temple still stands and as we believe it, the event will prove it unshakable.

The Morning Post says it would be idle to belittle the heaviness of the blow which has fallen on the British people and the British Empire. It is fortunate indeed that a Prince so capable and so trustworthy is at hand to take up the Royal burden so inconspicuously laid down, for he will have to repair that hurt that has been suffered and recover the ground lost. The nation must rally to their new King.

THE REAL CLASH
The Times states that both the monarchy and the Empire have been badly shaken but they can and will be restored, all the more rapidly because there is no longer the slightest doubt about the duty laid upon a stunned and sorrowing people. They profoundly misunderstood the signs of division in this country and represented it as an issue between the "people's King" and a hidebound set of aristocrats and ecclesiastics. It would be far more accurate to say that His Majesty's circle was too largely composed of men and women, some of them of high birth, all of whom were remote from "the people," who cared less for his welfare than their own amusement.—The real clash was between the thoughtlessness of an exotic society and the hard core of British tradition of conduct which is common to all classes in this country.

HARD PATH
None of us can realise how hard is the path of the King in choosing good friends. That amid his great qualities there was also something lacking in himself, is sufficiently shown by his unpre-

KING EDWARD AS MR. WINDSOR?

NO DECISION REGARDING HIS FINANCES

ABDICATION BILL TO BE SIGNED TO-NIGHT

London, To-day.

At Major Attlee's suggestion the House of Commons adjourned until 6 p.m. when the Abdication Bill will be introduced to pass all stages in both Houses to-day. The King will sign the abdication to-night and then leave the country immediately. The Accession Council meets to-morrow morning and His Royal Highness the Duke of York will be proclaimed King to-morrow afternoon, and will, it is understood, take the title of King George VI.

It is understood that King Edward will be renouncing all his titles and will be known as Mr. Windsor, though the new King may confer a dukedom on him.

When the Abdication Bill passes all stages in both Houses to-day, King Edward will give his assent, which will be his last act as King. The Accession Meeting of the Privy Council will take place at St. James's Palace to-morrow morning and the proclamation of the new King will follow immediately. Both Houses will meet to-morrow afternoon for the swearing in ceremonies which will be continued on Monday, when Parliament will receive a message from the new King and will move an address in reply.

No decision has been reached regarding the title King Edward will take and no decision has been made regarding his future financial standing. The revenues of the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall will not be available for King Edward but will pass on to the new King. The Government, however, may ask Parliament to make an annual grant to King Edward, but, on the other hand, he may intimate that his private resources are adequate.

LABOUR VIEWPOINT

On the resumption of the debate in the House of Commons, Major Attlee rose, amid cordial cheers, and said that the occasion did not call for a long and eloquent speech. They had heard the message from the King with profound concern and the whole country had received the news with deep sorrow, and the King's subjects will feel a sense of personal loss.

Major Attlee paid a tribute to the King when he said, "No British monarch was better known to his subjects both in Great Britain and throughout the Commonwealth," who shared the joys and sorrows of the dark days of the Great War. "We know of his ready sympathy for the suffering." (Cheers) They had all been thinking of some way to solve the problem, but we realised that there was a great objection to every course that was suggested and only hoped that it would not come to abdication, but the King made the decision and we cannot do otherwise than accept it, and it is the wish of all his peoples that



Mr. Stanley Baldwin, above, stated yesterday that His Majesty, the King, told him, on November 16, "I am going to marry Mrs. Simpson and I am prepared to go."

he will have a long and happy life.

SEVERE SHOCK
The country has received a severe shock and will take time to recover. The position of anybody called to succeed to the Throne to-day is obviously one of great difficulty, and it is to be our endeavour to lighten that burden. Having expressed his sympathy with the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, Major Attlee, on behalf of his Labour colleagues, voiced the deepest sympathy with Queen Mary.

Sir Archibald Sinclair stated, "We are bound to the King not only by the formal solemn constitutional ties, but by the closest intimate links which the King has forged between himself and all classes and creeds of the races of the Empire through nearly a quarter of a century of loyal service. The rupture in this connection is painful to us all, particularly to his Ministers and advisers and above all, to the Prime Minister."

DESERVED GENEROUS STIMULUS
Sir Archibald Sinclair congratulated the wisdom of the Government in discountenancing any attempt to divide the country on the question. It is largely due to the King that the Crown will not become involved in our political controversies and the speaker agreed with the Government in their right to reject the morganatic marriage proposal.
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Effect On Stock Exchange

London, To-day.—The city received the abdication announcement with mixed feelings of regret and relief. Loudspeakers brought the news to the Stock Exchange, where it was received with a breaking up into small groups and discussing the topic approvingly. Prices showed a tendency to rise beyond the already firmer official close, though traders were generally inclined to leave the public to make the next move.

The question now uppermost in the minds of the people is whether steps should be taken to maintain the previously fixed Coronation date, which, it is pointed out, is vital in view of the 4.90/16.—Reuter.

Sporting Page

C.B.S. "A" RETAIN UNBEATEN RECORD IN BRAUN CUP SERIES



J. J. Ferguson, above, was one of the Club's finest three-quarters, but injuries to his knees have resulted in his total abandonment of the game.

CHARITY SOCCER ENCOUNTER

Ground Changes For Next Sunday

An important charity football match will be played at the Hong Kong F.C. next Sunday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. when teams from the Government Civil Hospital and the Royal Army Medical Corps will meet in a friendly engagement, for which admission will be charged, the proceeds being devoted to the Government Civil Hospital Christmas Fund.

Sir William Hornell has kindly consented to kick-off and it is hoped there will be a large attendance to lend support to such a deserving cause.

As a result of this match changes have been made in the venues of some of the Football Association's matches.

The Junior Shield match between Kowloon Chinese and South China which was to have been played on the Club ground at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday will be played at Caroline Hill at the same time, while the First Division match between Kowloon Chinese and Kowloon, also scheduled for the Club ground on Sunday at 4 o'clock will be played at Caroline Hill, following the Junior Shield tie.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS

K.C.C. Event Reaches Final Round

A.E.P. Guest and Miss Madge Griffiths will meet S. A. Gray and Miss Alison Mackenzie in the final of the Kowloon Cricket Club Handicap Mixed Doubles tournament. Yesterday Gray and Miss Mackenzie, (owe 30.3) beat E. C. Fincher and Mrs. F. Goodwin (owe 30) 6-1 6-3, in the semi-final round.

LIGHT BLUES' RUGBY WIN

London. To-day—There was only one Rugby match of importance played at Home yesterday, the triumphant Cambridge University fifteen beating Edinburgh University by 32 points to 15. The Rugby Union County Championship encounter between the North Lincolns and Derby fifteen and the East Midlands, which was scheduled to be played at Eecston, was postponed owing to fog and frost.—Reuter.

"JAPANESE PRINCE" LOSES TO MEDICALS

In a friendly soccer encounter at the Valley yesterday afternoon, the Royal Army Medical Corps beat the Japanese Prince by 4 goals to 1, after leading by three clear goals at the interval. McBride (2), Flint and Tord scored for the Medicals while Tarris for the losers.

MR. BLACK ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE CHAMPION

KONG STABLE DISCARDS WIN RACES

MR. RALPH'S WELCOME RETURN

(By "RAPIER")

GLORIOUS weather again favoured the Hong Kong Jockey Club when they staged their Twelfth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley last Saturday. Beyond an exceptionally big dividend paid by Soldier of Peace, there was nothing of a sensational nature to be recorded, but the racing on the whole was keen and wholesome, resulting in satisfactory times due to the fast state of the track.

The main event of the day, the St. Andrew's Stakes was won by King's Lead, belonging to the Dynasty Stable. The handsome trophy which accompanied this event, and which was presented by the reigning President of St. Andrew's Society, was duly handed over to Mr. T. E. Pearce, a past President of St. George's Society.

Two ponies which were discarded by the Kong Stable came into prominence last Saturday. King's Lead (late Guiding Star) carried off the St. Andrew's Stakes, and New Star, recently acquired by Mr. Reidy, won the last race, the Crier Handicap.

Owners again shared the spoils, an even distribution of which has become a regular feature at Extra Race Meetings within recent months. Mr. Don Black scored two wins, thus heading the list of most successful Jockeys for the day. Mr. Black is now well ahead of his nearest rival, and with another meeting to go, it is unlikely that he will be overhauled. I think we can safely regard him as the potential champion for 1936, an honour richly deserved, as since his graduation from the Novice Class a few years ago, Mr. Black has shown marked improvement, so much so that we can compare him most favourably with even the best from Shanghai.

Mr. L. P. Ralph made a welcome return to riding last Saturday, but met with no outstanding success other than being placed third on Vixen Tor.

TENNIS FINAL POSTPONED

The Final of the Ladies' Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship, arranged for to-morrow, has been postponed indefinitely owing to the illness of Mrs. W. E. B. Dowling, Mrs. N. Wilson's partner.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the starting times of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling next Sunday:—

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m.	A. K. Mackenzie, D. S. Edward
9.24	A. E. Lissaman, K. S. Robertson
9.28	J. B. Mackie, K. K. Bounds
9.32	S. E. Dodwell, D. J. Gilman
9.36	R. Razavot, G. T. May
9.40	T. B. Rowell, J. E. Dovey
9.44	H. F. Sommers, D. D. Forbes
9.48	F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves
9.52	E. Bathurst, R. I. Cherrill
9.56	A. Murdoch, G. A. Pen-treath
10.00	N. K. Littlejohn, W. W. C. Shevan
10.04	J. A. Cooper, D. J. Keogh
10.08	J. Harrop, D. L. Prophet
10.12	A. Summerfelt, I. E. Geare
10.16	R. Sanger, J. W. Mayhew
10.20	C. W. Jeffries, S. T. Butlin
10.24	W. N. A. Smalley, A. Kidd
10.28	W. L. Alexander, A. H. McBride
10.32	A. D. Humphries, G. Marshall
10.36	J. W. Platt, D. G. McAvoy
10.40	C. D. Chapman, H. S. Dinsdale
10.44	A. Anderson, W. J. S. Key
10.48	R. C. Webb, J. C. Dunbar
10.52	P. L. Leck, J. M. Gray
10.56	H. N. Williamson, D. M. Richards
11.00	W. A. Stewart, A. McKeller
11.04	J. S. Dykes, J. Forbes

NEW COURSE

9.24 a.m.	F. C. Mndis, G. A. Leiper
9.28	K. W. Jones, A. A. Brennan
9.32	H. and Mrs. Overy
9.36	E. T. McMullen, D. W.

Metaphorically speaking, there was barely a handful of spectators present to witness the first race, the "Ewo Handicap," ridden by members of the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. In the midst of yells of "go" from several directions, the ponies were sent off in a long procession, with The Coot (Mr. F. S. Nicholls) taking the lead by virtue of a start of 250 yards. It was not long, however, before it was overhauled by Jack Scott (Mr. Gompertz), which eventually won and paid the useful dividend of \$109.50.

It was evident from the start that Young Chap (Mr. E. O. Butler) which was liberally tipped to win, had practically a hopeless task as it was penalised far too severely. Even Popular Star, with an advantage of 50 yards from Young Chap, and ridden by Mr. L. G. Frost, could make no impression on the leaders. Coming into the straight, Jack Scott was assured of winning, as it was leading by several lengths. The Coot managed to retain second place, but there was a spirited fight for third position, with Kuini, ridden by Mr. G. Hill, getting the verdict.

Holiday Eve Out Of Luck

Six speedy Australian ponies formed the opposition in the second race, the Coogee Handicap, over five furlongs, the start of which was a decided disappointment. In my notes on previous occasions I had always advocated the importance of a good start in such sprint events, and it was due to this factor that Australian Boy (Mr. Black) sprang a surprise. The defeat of Derby Day (Mr. S. C. Liang) was not altogether unexpected, as readers will recall that I suggested that the inclusion of a few extra pounds in weight might make all the difference between winning and losing, but I was hardly prepared for the fine run put up by Australian Boy.

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Fine Rugby Record



W. E. PEERS, the Club First Fifteen hooker, was educated at Leamington College, Warwickshire, where he was captain of the Rugby fifteen. When he left school he played for the Leamington Rugby Football Club.

He came to the Colony in 1928, but it was not until November 1929 that he played Rugby football for the Club. Since then, however, he has played regularly and has taken part in every Triangular Tournament match except on two occasions when he was kept out owing to injuries. He won his Interport cap in 1929-30 and has since represented the Colony in 1930-31, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35 and 1935-36. He was also selected for the Interport of 1931-32, which had to be called off at the last minute owing to the Japanese trouble in Shanghai.

Peers has played in every one of the five seven-a-side tournament finals and has been on the winning side four times! He also played for the Colony team against the Australian Universities' touring side in 1934-35 and the New Zealand Universities' team in 1935-36. He is again playing for the Club first fifteen this season. Before he came to Hong Kong Peers was a member of the Birchfield Harriers and represented them in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards sprint events at most of the meetings held in the Midlands, having won a number of prizes. He has also played football for the Club in the First Division of the League.

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Champions To Visit Kowloon Tong

TWO MATCHES FOR TO-NIGHT

The Kowloon Tong Club, who recorded their first win in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last Wednesday night, when they defeated St. John's by 7 games to 2, encounter Club de Recreio "A" to-night at Kowloon Tong, while St. John's are at home to the Free Lancers.

Recreio "A" will prove too strong a combination for their hosts, but with the services of H. Kew and Mrs. A. E. H. Castro, Kowloon Tong will probably put up a stout resistance.

St. John's are in for another defeat, at the hands of the Free Lancers, who, although forecasted to win, will encounter strong opposition in David Kwok and Miss Peggy McCaw, who have been playing exceedingly well this season.

TO-NIGHT'S FIXTURES

Mixed Doubles League
Kowloon Tong v Recreio "A"
St. John's v Free Lancers

Oxford Will Have Midget Coxswain For Boat-Race

London, November 24.—If Oxford can't win the boat-race, at least they are determined to keep in the boat-race news. A little surprise they may be keeping for us for next year's annual procession on the Thames is a coxswain so diminutive that not much of him will show above the shell!

WIN SCRAPPY CLASH WITH "B" TEAM

MARTIN SISTERS LEAVING COLONY NEXT MONTH

MISS LAIOVETSKY AND MISS BELL ARE IMPRESSIVE

(By "STICKS")

THE Central British Schoolgirls' "A", potential champions of the Braun Cup competition, secured another win in the Cup series yesterday on the School ground when they beat their "B" team by five clear goals, after leading at the interval by a solitary goal, to retain their unbeaten record in six games. The game was very scrappy and the teams were obviously highly strung and not at all confident.

It was not until the commencement of the second half that the potential champions produced their best form, and then it was only in patches, the defence outshining the forwards, who were inclined to bunch in the circle, thereby impeding the movements of the player in possession.

Miss A. Martin, although she netted three goals for the winners, was far from her best and was repeatedly caught in an off-side position during the first half, whereas Miss Shand, her opposite, was in fine fettle, but unfortunately lacked the necessary support to carry through her raids.

DIOCESAN BOYS "ONE LEG UP"

Bi-annual Cricket Encounter

CENTRAL BRITISH BOYS COLLAPSE BADLY

The Diocesan Boys' School beat the Central British School by 7 wickets in the first of their bi-annual cricket matches on the C.B.S. ground on Wednesday.

A feature of the game was the splendid bowling of A. Cray, of the Diocesan Boys' School, who took 7 wickets for 31 runs and was mainly responsible for the C.B.S. being all out for only 85.

C.B.S.	
N. D. Booker, c Cray	21
T. Suiter, lb.w., b Cray	0
C. Hoegood, b Fisher	0
D. Street, b Cray	0
D. Parsons, b Cray	10
P. Bunn, lb.w., b Cray	10
G. Ainlie, b Fisher	28
N. J. Booker, lb.w., b Cray	10
W. Gegg, lb.w., b Cray	0
E. Stone, c Prata, b Fisher	16
N. Smith, not out	2
Extras (B4)	8
Total	85

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
Fisher	11 2 30
Cray	14 4 31
White	3 0 7
Macaulay	3 0 6
Prata	2 0 3
D.B.S.	
F. Lay, b Street	10
A. Prata, b Hoegood	28
W. Low, lb.w., b Hoegood	0
A. Cray, c and b Ainlie	23
G. Kew, b Street	4
A. Dalziel, c and b Ainlie	24
J. Macaulay, not out	3
Extras (B4)	4
Total (for 6 wks.)	96

White, Fisher, Sui Chao-yin and E. Low did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
Hoegood	11 1 36
Street	13 3 32
White	1 0 9
Ainlie	5 1 12

The "A" team full-backs were very safe, although Miss Frazer was inclined to treat matters lightly at times, giving away several totally unnecessary free-hits, otherwise she was not lacking in sting behind her clearances and invariably lay well up the field ready to intercept a stray forward pass.

Miss H. Martin, the left-back, is developing into a fine defender and was seldom pulled up for sticks once during the game. She was very steady in her clearances and fed her forwards with judicious passes. Unfortunately for the school and the Braun Cup League, the Martin sisters will be leaving the Colony for England soon after the Christmas vacation and their places will be very hard to fill.

Halves Shine

The "A" intermediate line were again in fine fettle, although with the exception of Miss M. McCaw, the taking of free hits was much too slow a process and invaluable time was lost.

Miss Bone showed vast improvement, but Miss J. Booker, although playing a good defensive game, lacked foresight in her distribution of the ball to her forwards and invariably passed outwards to her right-winger.

Poorly Supported

The forwards were not seen at their best until the opening minutes of the second half, and then they faded away, only to come back in patches. Miss D. McCaw worked very hard, but in the wrong direction. She was frequently pulled up for "kicking" and tackling on the wrong side. Miss P. Baxter was the pick of the two wingers, although she received poor support from her supporting forwards.

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TABLE TO DATE

BRAUN CUP LEAGUE	
C.B.S. "A"	6 6 0 0 4 1 12
Rifles' Ladies	6 5 1 0 25 4 18
H.K. Ladies	4 2 1 1 9 11 5
D. G. S.	4 2 2 0 7 8 4
"B" Ladies	4 1 2 1 3 8 2
Posillier Ladies	4 1 3 0 3 13 2
C.B.S. "B"	6 1 5 0 4 15 2
C.B.A. Ladies	4 0 4 0 0 20 0
Totals	28 18 18 2 55 95 35

went to Oxford, but is now in training with one of the college crews and is a definite prospect for the coxswain's berth in the Oxford boat-race crew.

He is a great favourite on the river and is at the moment being provided with cushions to fill out the wide open spaces in and around his seat in the boat.



I. L. Alva, above, the Argonauts' left-half, would have made the Civilian's hockey team against the Combined Services next Sunday morning but for his evident lack of weight.

NAVY AND ARMY IN TRIANGULAR RUGBY CLASH

To-morrow's Game At Sookimpoo

SAILORS' FIXTURES REVISED

Following their 19 points to 6 defeat at the hands of the Club last Saturday at the Valley, the Royal Navy will be featured in their second Triangular Tournament Rugby fixture to-morrow when they meet the Army at Sookimpoo, commencing at 4 p.m.

The Navy will be without their full-back, A. E. Oxenham, whose position will be filled by E.R.A. Evans, while Lieut. Euman makes a reappearance at stand-off-half in support of Lieut. Davies, a new-comer at scrum-half.

The Army will again have the services of Fus. Floyd at stand-off-half following his recent shoulder injury against the Club in a friendly fixture and should give the Navy a good run for their money.

"A" XV Match

Proceeding the big match of the day, the China Fleet Engine Room Artificers' fifteen will meet the Club "A" fifteen, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Owing to the movements of the Fleet, the Royal Navy's Rugby football side will not be at full strength at the end of the season, and as a result their Triangular Tournament fixtures have been revised and will be as follows:—

Army v. Navy (Army Ground)	December 12
Army v. Club (Club Ground)	December 19
Army v. Navy (Army Ground)	January 2
Army v. Club (Club Ground)	January 9
Army v. Club (Club Ground)	January 23
Army v. Club (Club Ground)	January 23

The following are to-day's teams:—
Royal Navy:—E. R. A. Evans (Hermes); F. O. Weir (Hermes); Lt. Partridge R. M. (Hermes); Lt. Harvey (Odin); Lt. Small (Hermes); Lt. Euman (Perses); Lt. Davies (Perses); Surg. Lt. Miles (Hermes); Marine Davison (Hermes); Marine Light (Dorsetshire); Lt. Collett (Perses); Lt. Haller (Daring); Lt. Hawkins (Oswald) (Captain); Lt. Baker (Dorsetshire) and Lt. Woods (Odin).

Army:—Fus. Barry; Fus. Jones, Lt. Cpl. Lewis, Fus. Kelshaw, Sgt. Boyling, Fus. Floyd, Fus. Proctor; Lt. Calvert; Lt. Lincoln (Captain); Gnr. Wright; Cpl. Davies; Lt. Cpl. Ebb; Fus. Morgan, Capt. Gillespie and Cpl. Harrison.

Club "A" XV—J. P. Whitman; H. van Leeuwen, B. J. Gallagher, I. S. Forbes, K. A. Munro; J. Hutchinson, J. R. Henderson; T. H. Pratt, J. S. Dunnet; A. D. Coppin, R. P. Edwards; R. Hynes, J. Redman, H. W. E. Heath and M. S. Cumming.

ALLEN'S KNEE TROUBLE

Brisbane, to-day.—G. O. Allen, the English Test cricket skipper, who is suffering from knee-trouble, believed to be water, is leaving for Sydney to see a doctor, but it is almost certain that he will be fit to play in the second Test.—Reuter.

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Entries For Race Meeting

The following are the entries for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, to be held at the Valley on Saturday, December 19:

1.—DECEMBER HANDICAP.—Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies that have started in at least four Extra Race Meetings of this Club during 1936. Winners of \$2,250 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936, and Ponies classified "A" Class barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

2.—QUEENSLAND AUTUMN CHAMPIONS. (Post Entries). Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least four Extra Race Meetings of this Club during 1936. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936, and Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

3.—TARDY HANDICAP.—Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least four Extra Race Meetings of this Club during 1936. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936, and Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

4.—HONG KONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS. (Post Entries). Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "E" Class, and Subscriptions of this Club of this Season, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

5.—LAST CHANCE HANDICAP.—Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For Australia Subscription Ponies of any season, that have started in at least one Extra Race Meeting of this Club during 1936. Winners of \$1,250 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

MR. BLACK ALMOST
CERTAIN TO BE
CHAMPION

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Holiday Eve (Mr. Frost) looked perfectly fit, and was full of energy, and I cannot help believing that a bad start was responsible for its inability to beat Australian Boy. On the rise of the barrier, Australian Boy shot out, followed by Just That, which had a change of jockey in Mr. Norman Deitz. Derby Day kept just behind, with Holiday Eve and Vixen Tor (Mr. L. P. Ralph) a few lengths in the rear. Vixen Tor caught up beautifully, but on rounding the bend it swerved out, and it was here that Derby Day took the lead. Australian Boy, however, ably ridden by Mr. Black, came through on the outside and, in spite of a determined challenge by Mr. Frost on Holiday Eve, won with a length to spare, with Vixen Tor coming in third.

Surprise Win

A very fine start and quite the best finish of the day featured the third race, the First Section of the Crierf Handicap over seven furlongs for "C" Class China ponies. Pontiac Bay, with Mr. Frost on top, led practically all the way until coming down the straight, followed by Bistre (Mr. H. C. Pih). Mr. F. F. Li revealed clever judgment by keeping Soldier of Peace within striking distance all the time until about a hundred yards from the winning post, when with repeated application of the whip he managed to nose out Boolat Bay to win and pay the biggest dividend of the year.

I cannot help feeling, however, that Mr. P. P. Botelho made just a little mistake. He was content with pushing Boolat Bay, whereas if he had only used the whip, as Mr. F. F. Li did, over the last few yards, he would have won, as his mount was the more powerful at the finish. At one stage, Boolat Bay, Soldier of Peace, and Soldier of China were practically in line, and it was not until the result was announced that the realisation came that Mr. F. F. Li had sprung upon the public a surprising win.

King's Lead's Easy Win

The fourth race, the St. Andrew's Stakes, which was regarded as the main event of the day, attracted seven starters. A keen fight was expected, but in spite of the support given to King's Lead in the betting, one was hardly prepared for the consummate ease with which this pony won the race. Harvest View (Mr. S. Y. Liang) forced the pace from the start, with Bright View (Mr. Y. T. Fung) nearby. In my previous comments on this race, I stated that Rose-Queen was unduly penalised, as this pony had not done anything remarkable in recent outings. My surmise turned out correct as Rose-Queen finished nowhere.

Coming up the Rock for the second time, I noticed that Ribble (Mr. P. P. Botelho) faltered, as a result of which it lost valuable ground. Turning into the straight for the final run home, Bright View appeared to be leading, but King's Lead responded beautifully to the call, and romped past the winning post several lengths ahead of Ribble, which passed Bright View. Although the finish was not what one might have expected, nevertheless it was a good race to watch.

Penalty For Lingering Too Long The first leg of the "Daily Double," the Uddington Handicap, was regarded as a certainty for The Hero, which was to be ridden by Mr. L. G. Frost, but this pony developed lameness and was unable to take part. In its absence it appeared as if Stopwatch had hardly any opposition, but I am afraid that Mr. Ip Kni-ying, the jockey, paid the penalty for lingering on a little too long, so that its final challenge proved of no avail.

The start of the race saw Ocean View (Mr. S. Y. Liang) taking the lead, with Hopscotch (Mr. Deitz) just behind. Shamrock (Mr. Black) followed, with Stopwatch a length behind. Coming into the straight, Ocean View faded out of the picture, and it was left to Stopwatch, Cassius (Mr. W. H. S. Davis), and Shamrock to put up a great struggle. Just at the Mile Post I noticed that Mr. Black had to pull Shamrock up sharply and then shot forward again on the left of Cassius and secured a



S. A. Fowler, left, will be playing for the Civilians against the Combined Services in the hockey match next Sunday, while Avatar Singh, right, who should have played in the trials, is on the injured list with a strained thigh muscle.

notable win. Mr. Ip Kni-ying made a gallant effort to beat Stopwatch, but had to admit defeat by a neck.

Double Finesse Comes Off

In the sixth race, the Rotham Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies, quite a big field faced the starter. Perfect Day (Mr. S. C. Liang) jumped out to take the lead on the rise of the barrier, but it was not long before Mr. H. C. Pih sent Double Finesse through to assume command, a position which it retained until the end. Ranger (Mr. Black) came in second. It was expected to do better, but here again a belated start was responsible.

Readers will recall that in the race for the Fremantle St. Leger, Double Finesse forced the pace and assisted materially in the record for this distance being broken by Strathroy, so that in view of that performance, Double Finesse could not do otherwise than win this race over such a short distance.

There was a nice little struggle between Ranger and Honey (Mr. Deitz), with the former securing the verdict for second position.

Wadebridge Causes Upset

Those who were fortunate enough to pick the winner in the first leg of the "Daily Double" must have had some anxious moments in endeavouring to make the right connection. Pride of Tsingtao, ridden by Mr. R. M. Wood, had the greatest support, but it was left at the post as a result of one of the worst starts seen for a long time. Cavalcade (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) took up the running, keeping ahead until past the Rock, when it was beaten, but

bear this pony in mind for some future date, as Cavalcade looked fit and is due for a win. It was left to Mr. C. L. Gregory on Wadebridge to serve up the anaesthetic that caused a good deal of heart-burning, but the 10 lucky punters who had confidence in it were rewarded with the handsome return of \$459.80—quite a nice present with Christmas so near!

Night View (Mr. Choy Wing Chiu) was also fairly well backed, but the heavy burden of 168 lbs. told its tale, and I consider that it did well to come in second. With a few lbs. less in weight, it might have done better. Mr. Harris had charge of Diogenes, and had the satisfaction of bringing home the third place money for its owner.

New Star's Advance

In the final race of the day, the Crierf Handicap (Second Section) for "C" Class ponies, the fact that New Star (Mr. Y. T. Yung) only paid \$25.60 for a win seems to indicate that it was not such a dark tip after all. It was known that New Star was making rapid improvement, but certainly not to the extent of inflicting a defeat on such ponies as Tyne, Ythan and Amberley. However, it was a creditable performance, revealing again that Dr. Reidy has the knack of being able to shape discarded ponies into winning ones.

Quite a good deal of amusement was caused as a result of Laughing Girl boring into the other ponies before the start, and when they were ultimately got away the Harbard Stable must have felt keenly disappointed to see Royal Highness (Mr. H. C. Pih) left stranded high and dry. It was a forlorn task for Mr. Pih to catch up. Ythan (Mr. P. P. Botelho) went into the lead, followed by Tyne (Mr. Frost), Valorous (Mr. Black), New Star, and Amberley (Mr. S. C. Liang). On coming into the straight, Tyne was leading, but New Star caught up and won with a length to spare, with Ythan second, and Amberley third, a another $\frac{1}{2}$ length behind.

WIN SCRAPPY CLASH
WITH "B" TEAM

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There is plenty of material in the "B" team, which, properly moulded, would go far in ladies' hockey in the Colony. Miss G. Darby played a good game in goal and only made one mistake during the game, when she attempted to clear a hit taken from outside the circle which led to the first goal when Miss A. Martin followed up to net.

Coaching Wanted

Miss B. Goodwin, at right-back, lacked sting in her clearances and was much too slow in taking advantage of the free hits for off-side, but a little more polishing up of her play should eradicate these faults. Miss M. Bell is a back, who, given some coaching, would make excellent material for the "A" team. She can hit the ball hard when she wants to, but seems to be suffering from staleness or over-keenness.

There was only one outstanding pivot of the "B" team, who always followed up and gave Miss A. Martin a difficult time. She fed her inside forwards with some very fine passes, but was badly supported on her flanks.

Miss Martin's Successor

The "B" team forwards were a trifle disappointing with one exception, Miss Shand, the leader, who bids fair to be Miss A. Martin's successor. Possessing plenty of speed and enterprise, she would have scored but for lack of support, although this is really no fault of the other forwards, who have not yet had the opportunity of correcting their faults.

The "A" team secured an early lead through Miss A. Martin, who netted a partial clearance by Miss Derby, completing her "hat-trick" with two more goals immediately after the interval. Miss M. Book-er netted the fourth and Miss M. McCaw, sending the ball into the circle from the 25 yard line, saw the ball deflected by three "B" team defenders before ultimately resting at the back of the net for the fifth goal!

C.B.S. "A": C. Minoot, N. Frazer and H. Martin; J. Booker, M. McCaw and C. Bone; J. Parkinson, M. Booker, A. Martin, D. McCaw and P. Baxter. C.B.S. "B": G. Darby, B. Goodwin and M. Bell; B. Fallowfield, E. Laiovsky and D. Watson; B. Houghton, J. Ewing, M. Shand, H. Sanger and I. Cunningham.

(Continued from next Col.) Ford have Old Blues in K. B. Scott, the hon. secretary, W. I. E. Thorburn and K. N. Fisher, so the four places in the side remain to be filled. In the Cambridge side also four nominations have yet to be made.

Football Appeal Sequel

The Appeals Board of the Hong Kong Football Association, comprising the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. A. Mitchell and Commander C. D. Arbuthnot, which met on Wednesday to consider the appeal of the Kowloon Chinese against the findings of the Emergency Committee announced their finding late yesterday evening, and found that "in the case of the right full-back, Black Six-hon, who was suspended for two months, the penalty be reduced to one month from date

WHEN HENDREN AND
SANDHAM METCRICKET EXPERIENCES
WORTH HEARING

"ONLY ONE I EVER EDGED"

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")

London, November 16.

I RECENTLY spent an enjoyable and amusing evening in the company of Pat Hendren and Andy Sandham. It was enjoyable to hear these two confirming one another's stories of cricket experiences both at home and on tour, and amusing to hear them fencing with one another.

Referring to Hammond's bowling feat with the new ball in Australia, Hendren commented that every bowler really bowled better with the new ball, to which opening batsman Sandham retorted, "What do you know about the new ball?"

Sandham has a dry humour which he reveals at the most unexpected moments. When Hendren referred to a remarkable slip catch he made in his younger days to dismiss Sandham—"I was sorry to do it," he said—Sandham chipped in with the remark, "The only one I ever edged."

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

The Argonauts will meet the Navy in their Inter-Section hockey match at King's Park to-day at 4.45 p.m.

REMARKABLE
GOLF COURSE
IN ALASKABears And Walruses
As Hazards!

PROBLEM FOR R. AND A.

(By "ECHO")

Among the most unusual golf courses in the world are those laid out on mountain slopes in Switzerland, but one which should astonish any golfing visitor who reaches it is the course recently put down at Barrow, Alaska.

It was constructed by eight white men resident in the area on a big expanse of ice, and the hazards are so remarkable that the secretary is wondering whether to ask the Royal and Ancient for a special code of rules or to frame his own.

Polar bears abound, but it left alone are not hostile. Dr. R. W. Maurer, the Government physician, therefore suggests that bears be treated as hazards. Should a drive land too close to a bear for the health of the player, he suggests the player drops another ball and counts one stroke.

Worst Hazard

The most troublesome hazards are likely to be walruses. The walrus is an inquisitive creature, who may be attracted by the sight of cups and flags.

Problem: If stymied by a walrus, should the player chip over or wait until the thing moves?

OXFORD GOLF TEAM
BUILDINGFour Places Yet To
Be Filled

Following Oxford's match against the League at the weekend, N. S. Mitchell-Innes, the University captain, invited C. O. L. Ramsden (New Coll.) and J. C. Lawrie (B.N.C.) to play against Cambridge in the inter-University match at Prince's, Sandwich, on March 23 and 24.

Apart from Mitchell-Innes, Oxford (Continued at foot of preceding Column)

Both agreed that the fastest bowling and the fastest wicket they had ever had to face was Constantine bowling on the wicket at Barbados. Many were the anecdotes of cricket on tour in the West Indies that they told, probably the best being Hendren's of a match in which he had made a lot of runs and volunteered to surrender his wicket to one of the locals if he went on to bowl.

Pat had a blind swipe and the ball sailed over the pavilion and landed on the roof of an adjoining house. "Look what you've done," cried the bowler, disconsolate.

"The man who lived in that house has died." "Well, what does that matter?" asked Hendren. "Well, you've gone and woke him up," was the reply.

Bowlers At The Nets

I was interested to hear Sandham discuss the value of net practice. He suggests that a bowler cannot really be judged in the nets. The net acts as a guide, and he says he has seen many a bowler perform creditably in the nets and be all at sea in the middle.

On the other hand, a batsman who can hold his own on an indifferent wicket in the nets should obviously be able to shine on an immaculate wicket.

BROWN PLANS FOR
HIS FUTURETo Concentrate On
Half-Mile

(By "The Twelfth Man")

London, November 17.

I hear that A. G. K. Brown, the Cambridge athletics president, may make the half-mile his objective in the future. He will not give up the quarter-mile entirely, but he fancies he would do well gradually to build up to the half-mile for the next Games, at Tokyo in 1940.

Successor In The Quarter

This move is interesting in view of the arrival at Cambridge of B. A. Palmer, who may be the one to relieve Brown of the quarter-mile in the Varsity sports. Palmer is an Old Uppinghamian, and last week won the inter-Varsity Freshmen's quarter in good style. University captain, invited C. O. L. Ramsden (New Coll.) and J. C. Lawrie (B.N.C.) to play against Cambridge in the inter-University match at Prince's, Sandwich, on March 23 and 24.

CAMBRIDGE COLQUHOUN
SCULS

M. Bradley (Pembroke) beat R. V. Symonds (L.M.B.C.) in the final of the Cambridge Colquhoun's Sculs, in 9min 1.1-5sec. The race was rather slow, as there was a head wind and a strong stream against the scullers. Bradley took the lead from the start and never lost it, although Symonds did well in the later stages and was going up at the winning post.

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Abdication

If the British Empire survives without dismemberment the shocks that fate has inflicted upon it within the last year or two it will be a proof before all the world that it is no artificial combination of discordant elements but the embodiment of a great and permanent ideal of ordered freedom. It was a staggering blow when the League, which had been made the foundation of the Empire's foreign policy, broke down irremediably through the unwillingness of any of the other members to shoulder their share of responsibility, but we fell back on the reflection that after all the Empire was itself a League of nations revolving round the British Crown as its linchpin. The last possibility anyone entertained was that the linchpin itself would come out of its position. It is only a month since a French statesman said that the British Crown was the most stable institution in the shifting currents of European confusion. Mr. Baldwin tells us that he emphasised to the King and his brothers that the Crown was the "last link" of the Empire. It was not the last link. The last link was loyalty to what that Crown stands for. The Crown was and is greater than any of the men that have worn it, but the loyalty is greater than the Crown. Should that fail there is nothing that can be put in its place.

When the excitement of waiting for news, and the disturbing and maleficent poison of scandalous gossip, fanned into flames by all those who are not displeased to see the Empire passing through rough water, have evaporated and become a mere memory, opinion will have a chance of settling down to a fair assessment of the career and character of King Edward. One might think from some of the comments that he was some unknown stranger about whom all opinion must be based on conjecture, instead of being the best known royal personage there has ever been in our time so far as personal manner and relationships are concerned. From the time when as a young man he saw war on the Western front, and there, as he said himself "found his manhood," he has visited all parts of his dominions and talked with all kinds of his subjects; everyone has felt that he was a personal friend, even though their acquaintance was no more than that of having seen him at a discreet distance. Never was one destined to so great a position more free and easy in his methods of finding out what were the interests and sentiments of the ordinary man. And in consequence he was beloved, — and still is — in a way that must have conferred upon him enormous influence as King, and correspondingly enormous responsibility. That was "the rub," as Hamlet would have said.

For the truth is that it was only in the personal relationships that he took real interest. As he travelled round in the Dominions and was received in the well meant formalities, of receptions and illuminated addresses and introductions, he was more and more rebelled against all such occasions until he absolutely abhorred everything. On one occasion he sent a message that he refused to look at an address, but would be very glad

GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW MONARCH

More Intellectual Than Predecessor

Very Similar Type To King George V

"A Real Family Man"

His Majesty King Albert Frederick Arthur George, K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., former Duke of York and second son of His late Majesty King George V., was born at York Cottage, Sandringham, on December 14, 1895.

He spent his babyhood in a bassinet made especially for Queen Victoria's eldest child and occupied by his father and grandfather before him.

Only eighteen months younger than his brother, the Prince of Wales, the two young Princes spent their childhood together, sharing lessons with the same tutor and enjoying initiation into the same sports, until the time came for the elder boy to enter the Naval Training College at Osborne.

to come for a dance. With that feeling of preference for informality the natural man has great sympathy. Soldiers naturally abhor full dress parades, and mayors and such like people are rarely amusing. But it is a pity when revulsion from dullness becomes an obsession. It is one of the unavoidable evils of life which a man can put up with as an incident of his position. It will have been noticed that since the death of King George V. the younger sons have done most of the foundation stone layings and similar functions. These things can always be arranged, and the King was much more happy in visiting the unemployed and the wounded soldiers in the hospitals, and getting into human touch with men who were not conscious of doing the proper thing, or of knowing what the proper thing was. Hence the remarkable difference between King Edward's personal popularity, and his failure to make any mark in the political affairs with which a King is supposed to be concerned.

For the fact is that in what are strictly classed as political matters King Edward took no interest at all, while he let the great issues that were decided by his signature prey upon his mind and fill his thoughts with a constant feeling that he was unequal to his opportunities. It will be remembered that during the reign of his father there were constant rumours, based upon his own casual sayings, that he would refuse to ascend the throne. The moment came when the responsibilities passed to him automatically, and the whole Empire was touched by his noble words of self-dedication, which were simple and absolutely sincere. The former shrinking from the task returned, and these recent incidents are nothing but the result of a growing feeling of rebellion against the public duties required of him and a wish to be able to lead a private life in his own way. He himself tells us, with all his usual frankness, that he has tried to play a part for which he had no ambition, and that he has found it impossible to go on. There is no more to be said. One's own imagination may wander over lost opportunities, and wonderful vistas of fascinating intercourse with stirring events, but it was precisely because he himself envisaged these immensities that he was paralysed and discouraged. The same gifts and strength of character might have made him, as Mr. Baldwin has said, one of the best Kings of history, but events have overruled that prospect. It will be a severe jolt to transfer one's loyalty to a successor, sent a message that he refused to look at an address, but would be very glad

The young Prince Albert, as he was known until he was nearly 25, learned early to play squash racquets and to ride, shoot, and fish. Spending the greater part of his time at Sandringham, he first played football with boys from the village, while his early efforts at cricket were made in company with boys from Eton and St. George's School, Windsor.

"MR. JOHNSON"

In 1909, when he was 14, he followed his brother to Osborne and in due course, like the Prince of Wales who was known as "The Sardine," received a nickname—"Mr. Johnson."

After spending two years at Osborne, he went for a further two years to Dartmouth, subsequently joining the cadet ship Cumberland to gain sea experience. At the end of his period he was gazetted to H.M.S. Collingwood as midshipman.

Endowed with a considerable aptitude for engineering and remarkable skill in handling a ship, he looked forward to the navy as a career. He enjoyed no special privileges, being treated as any other cadet or junior officer and taking his turn with the rest at any job that was going.

One occasion when the King inspected his ship, Prince Albert took his place with the others, after the sub-lieutenants in accordance with his rank. Father and son had not met for some months, but Prince Albert passed the King without the least sign of recognition.

The young Prince had a keen sense of humour and his love of fun was known, on occasions, to find an outlet in practical jokes against his superior officers.

LET CAT OUT OF BAG

During the visit of the Cumberland to Montreal while His Majesty was on board, the Commander, in full dress uniform, lost both rear brace buttons at

a dance. With the aid of a belt and an occasional "seaman's hitch," the damage was repaired and might have passed unnoticed. But the King learned of his superior officer's predicament — and whispered it into the ear of one fair partner after another. After that, any air of frostiness in the party speedily disappeared.

"COCOA AS USUAL" AT JUTLAND

Serving in one of the fore turrets of H.M.S. Collingwood in the battle of Jutland on May 31, 1916, the King won the admiration of his colleagues for his courage and coolness under fire.

As junior officer, His Majesty was one of the crew whose duty it was to serve a 12-in. gun. They could see nothing of what was going on outside, they had little idea of how the battle was going, even their target was invisible to them. But normal routine was the order of the day and "Mr. Johnson" made cocoa as usual for the commanding officer and the gun crew.

One of His Majesty's most prized treasures in later life was the ensign flown by H.M.S. Collingwood during the battle of Jutland — the first naval action in which the son of a British sovereign had taken part since the time when, two and a half centuries earlier, another Duke of York had fought the Dutch off Lowestoft.

After the Battle of Jutland, however, it became increasingly evident that the gastric trouble from which the young Prince had been suffering for some time, would make it impossible for him to pursue the naval career on which he had set his heart. He did not give up at once, but joined the staff of the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth for a time.

Later, he joined the naval branch of the Air Force at Cranwell and obtained his pilot's certificate in July 1919. In the meantime, he had been appointed a Captain in the R.A.F. when the navy and army air forces were merged.

In this capacity he served on the staff of General Sir H. Trenchard at Nancy in October 1918, and, staying on after the Armistice was signed, he spent Christmas of that year at Spa. The following February, he went to the Air Ministry.

In August 1919, he was given the rank of Squadron Leader and in the following year became Wing Commander. He was promoted Group Captain in 1921.

"PROGGED"

In company with many of his contemporaries whose education

had been interrupted by the war, His Majesty went up to Cambridge for an intensive course in 1919. Intellectual by nature, the time he spent there studying History, Economics and Civics was by no means wasted, though it was afterwards said that records did not show nearly all his attendance at lectures.

The slip with his signature, "Prince A." was usually extracted from the attendance record box at the end of lectures by assiduous souvenir hunters.

He was "progged" once while he was up. The proctor's bulldogs not realising who he was, assailed him for lighting a cigarette in the street while wearing cap and gown.

BETROTHAL AND MARRIAGE

His Majesty, then Prince Albert was created Duke of York, Baron Killarney and Earl of Inverness in the King's Birthday Honours List published in June 1920.

Three years later, his engagement to Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon was announced on January 16. Their marriage at Westminster Abbey three months later, on April 26, 1923, was the occasion for great demonstrations of loyalty by the public and the bride won the heart of the people by placing her bouquet on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior as she was entering the Abbey by the Great West door.

On their return to Buckingham Palace after the ceremony, the bridal pair halted at the Cenotaph to bow their heads in homage to the nation's dead.

A sum of £2,500 subscribed as a wedding gift was spent at their request on giving treats to poor children.

Travels

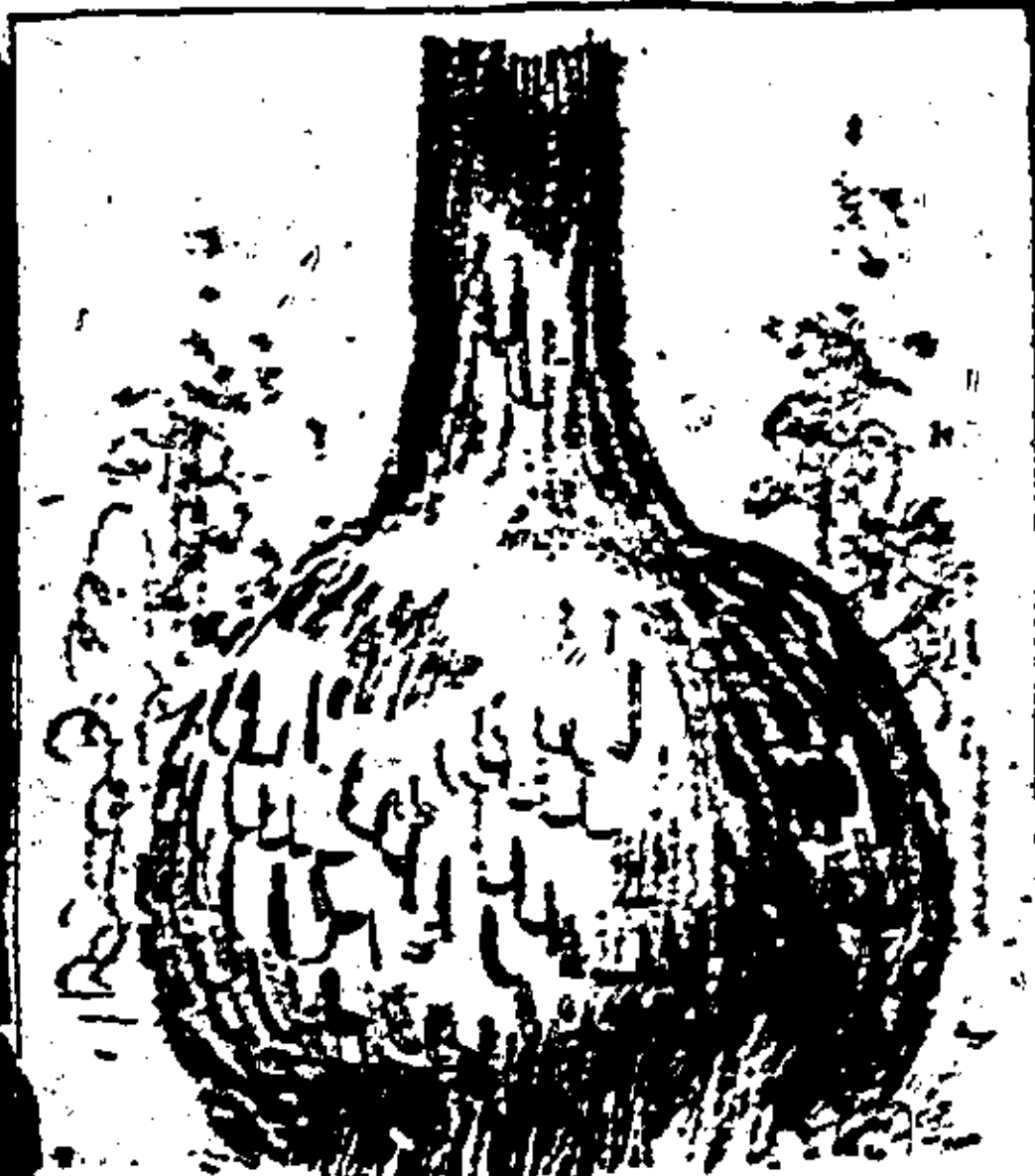
In the summer of the following year, the King and Queen, as the Duke and Duchess of York, made the first of their official tours—to the North of Ireland.

Later in the year, they left on a visit to East Africa and, after spending Christmas in Nairobi, started off on a big game hunting expedition. The New Year, 1925, found them encamped in the wilds. During the trip, in which the Queen also took part, the royal visitors bagged a lion and a lioness, two rhinoceroses, two buffaloes and one leopard. The King added two elephants to his score later in Uganda.

Their tour was somewhat marred by the sudden death of the Governor of Kenya. They returned to Nairobi at once, but later left for the Great Lakes whence they went on by car to Refaj on

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

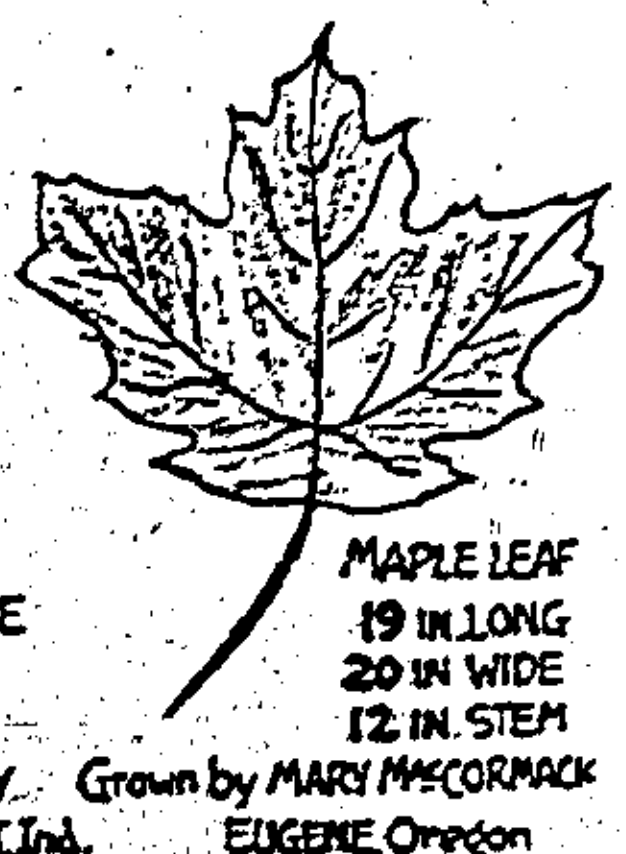


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NEWSPAPER VIEWS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin. To-day. Although the world press has been teeming for more than a week with news of the constitutional crisis in London, occasioned by the events which finally led up to the King's abdication, no word, except a vital short statement, appeared in the German press until yesterday evening, when the announcement of the abdication was featured.

The attitude prevailed here that the private affairs of the King should not be made a subject of journalistic sensationalism, but now that the events have taken on an international significance their future development will be followed in the German press.

The first extra editions which appeared in the streets yesterday evening were literally snatched from the hands of the newsboys by the populace, which had lived on rumours for a week and were hungry for real news.

In the first official news service, the National-Socialistic party gave their assurance that the change in England will have no effect on the relations between Germany and England, unless the monarch decides to pursue a course of policy which is radically different from that of his predecessors.—Trans-Ocean Service.

PRESS COMMENTS

Berlin: "There have been few events in the last quarter of a century of such a deep and enduring significance as this abdication in England," writes the *Local Anzeiger*, which voices the opinion that the British Commonwealth is now on the threshold of a new epoch in its history.

The *Deutsch Allgemeine Zeitung* expresses admiration for the dignity with which England had passed through the past difficult week.

The journal points out that it was common knowledge that King Edward was a modern, thinking man, who belonged to a generation which fought in the war. He had knowledge of social and Empire problems which no other king before him possessed. It was also common knowledge that he had a determined character and insisted on carrying out his will.

"The utmost sympathy is with the British people in one of the most serious crisis in its history, is the feeling uppermost among all Germans," writes the chief organ of the National-Socialistic party, the *Voelkische Beobachter*.

King Edward, continues the journal, made a special appeal to the spirit of the present time and the outlook of the younger English generation.

DIFFICULT HERITAGE
The new King is assuming a doubly difficult heritage since it will take some time before the Nation and Dominions recover from the upheaval of the past days.

The new King's manner, concludes the paper, indicates that he follows more in the conservative footsteps of his father—he is what the English people call a family man.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CITY BETTING OFFENCES

42 Men Charged In Court

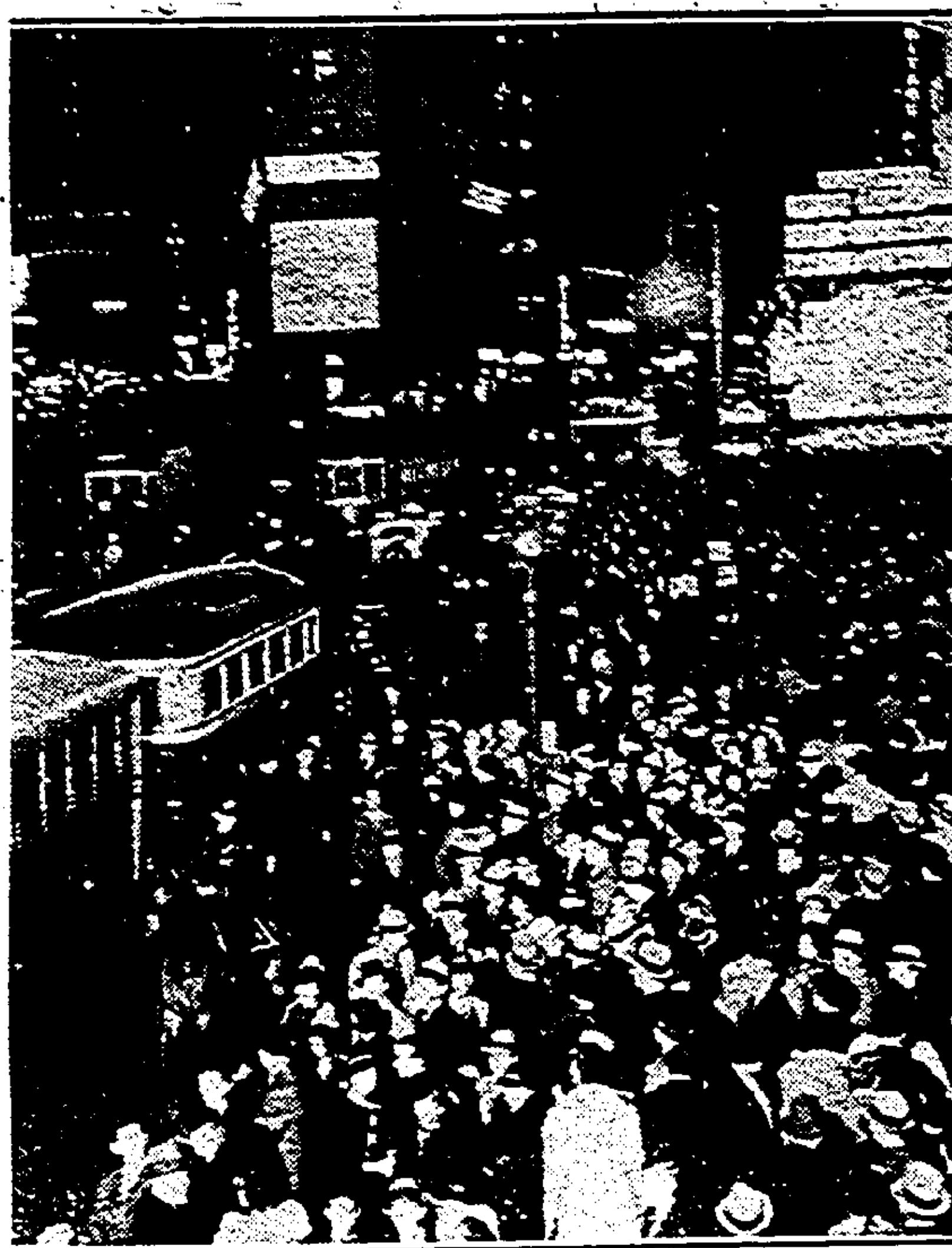
Fines amounting to £115 were imposed on seven men at Guildhall last month, who were charged with assisting in the management of three different places kept for the purpose of betting in Aldgate-avenue.

Thirty-five other men were before the Court charged with frequenting houses kept for the purpose of betting.

Harry David Cohen, aged 35, commission agent; Benjamin Lazarus, aged 31, upholsterer; and Samuel Jacobs, aged 69, bootmaker, were each fined £25 and ordered to pay 51 s. costs.

Harry Nathan, aged 41 clerk; Isaac Bensusan, aged 36, hawker; Oliver Frank Gough, aged 51, clerk; and Harry Galinsky were each fined £10.

The other 35 men were bound over not to frequent betting houses and the magistrate, Sir Harry Twyford, ordered all the betting slips found on the premises to be destroyed.



Hundreds of thousands jammed Times Square, New York, from curb to curb as they joyously greeted word that President Roosevelt had been elected by the greatest vote in history. Only a small portion of the enormous crowd which choked all traffic is shown above.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Mme. and Mlle. Leurquin returned from Hanoi by the S.S. Paul Doumer.

H.M.S. Berwick, of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, is expected to leave Manila to-day for Hong Kong and is expected to arrive here next Monday morning.

Five cases of diphtheria were reported during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

The R.M.A. Dorado left for Penang at noon to-day with three passengers, Air Commodore A. W. Tedder, for Singapore, and Mrs. E. C. Lyon and Mrs. C. V. Triar, for Penang. The plane also carried 1,367 kgs. of freight and 145,556 kgs. of mail.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Joint Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Canton, Limited, and of the China National Economic Commission, left for Shanghai by the R. M. S. Empress of Japan this morning.

DAMAGE TO WATER PIPE

Police Press Charge

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Yuen, aged 30, unemployed, who was charged before Mr. J. A. Fraser at Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of a quantity of lead from the joint of a water pipe from a hillside at Kai Lung Wan. Mr. Granville of the Water Works Department was the complainant.

Sub-Inspector Dredge said that as the result of complaints received the defendant was watched and arrested. He was instructed to press the charge as damage had been done to the pipe. The lead had been sold for 65 cents.

RAW RUBBER

Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits currency for Raw Rubber:

Spot 32½ b. Up ¼
Jan-Mar 32½ b. Up ¼
April-June 32½ b. Up ¼
July-Sept. 32½ b. Up ¼
Market:—Quiet.

ANGLO-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS

London. To-day.—The Anglo-Italian negotiations, which have now been going on for some time, will probably result only in a general declaration between the two powers that friendly relations have been resumed, according to reports from informed circles.

It is possible that the Kenya Colony-Abyssinian frontier question may be considered since this has not yet been finally settled. Reports that Tenk Lake is also to be the subject of a discussion is characterized as false as this question has already been settled by treaty.—Trans-Ocean Service.

KING EDWARD AS MR. WINDSOR?

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Nobody deserved more generous sympathy, although it is hard on many good causes. (Cheers). He clearly demonstrated the democratic nature of his character.

MR. CHURCHILL'S SPEECH
Mr. Winston Churchill asserted that recrimination in the controversy was at present useless, harmful and wrong. "What's done is done. What's left undone belongs to history, where I shall leave it." No sovereign ever conformed so strongly and faithfully to the letter and spirit of the constitution as the present King, who voluntarily made sacrifices for the peace and strength of his realm far beyond the bounds required by the law and constitution. Mr. Churchill said that he throughout had pleaded for time because it was their duty to endure the evils if there was any hope that time would bring about the settlement of a solution, also because it was essential not to leave room to talk after the event that the King hurried in his decision.

UNHURRIED DECISION

It was an unhurried decision as far as the Government were concerned.

"I accept wholeheartedly the Premier's statement that the decision was taken by the King this week-end freely, voluntarily and spontaneously in his own time and in his own way," Mr. Churchill said.

After paying the warmest tributes to the King's qualities, Mr. Churchill said that although our hopes to-day lie withered, his personality will not go down uncherished to the future ages and will particularly be remembered in the homes of his poorer subjects. "We must now fortify the throne and give his Majesty's successor the strength that only comes from love of the United Kingdom and the Empire."

TRIBUTE TO BALDWIN

Mr. James Maxton shared with the House of Commons the human sympathies with His Majesty in the recent week's difficulties, and also with the Premier who had to shoulder a task which few, if any, of the former Premiers had had to shoulder before.

The decisions he made are in strict accordance with the constitutional principles, but from the nature of the monarchical institutions circumstances of this kind were bound to arise and had arisen now in circumstances which are creating grave difficulties in this country, and in the Empire. "The Monarchical system has now outlived its usefulness," he said.

MINISTERIAL PROTESTS

Col. Wedgwood said he would have wished that the King had been allowed to live here happily married and remain King. Throughout the Empire there were millions of people with aching hearts who will take the new oath because the King wished it and if they sometimes raise the glass to the King across the water (ministerial protests) who shall blame them.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin then introduced the Abdication Bill and the House of Commons then adjourned.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI REACTION

Shanghai: With the King's abdication apparently inevitable, the entire British community in Shanghai last night anxiously awaited the Premier's statement in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. Even though the nature of the statement brought profound regret, all concerned heaved a sigh of relief at the end of the crisis which last week plunged the whole of the British Empire into doubt and suspense.

Although absolute confirmation was lacking up till late last night, the assumption is that the King decided to take this irrevocable step rather than renounce his marriage with Mrs. Simpson. All the newspapers here made preparations to wait for the fatal news which reached Shanghai at 2 a.m. and the news was immediately flashed to all parts of China.—Reuter.

IRISH ATTITUDE

Dublin: Mr. De Valera, President of the Irish Free State, made a statement in reference to King Edward's abdication and said that "insofar as the Irish Free State was concerned, the abdication does not become effective until legislation to that purpose has been enacted by Parliament." The Speaker issued a notice



Members of the Italian police force in Rome are here shown with their newest weapon, tear gas guns. Although the gas guns have been employed for years by other nations, the Italians have only recently adopted them.

summoning all the deputies to attend the Dail at 3 p.m. to-day "for the purpose of considering, in connection with the proposed abdication of King Edward VIII, proposals for the amendment of the Constitution and other legislation."—Reuter.

CANADA'S ACCEPTANCE

Ottawa: Canada's acceptance of the abdication is signified in the Order-in-Council passed by the Dominion Cabinet which authorizes the British Government to include Canada in the Act of Acceptance of the abdication, thereby rendering an emergency session of Parliament unnecessary.

A message from Canberra states that Parliament will be meeting in a special session to-day to hear the Abdication statement.—Reuter.

MRS. SIMPSON'S STATEMENT

London: The strictest secrecy is being maintained as to the immediate plans of King Edward. It is rumoured, however, that he will not remain in England and that after signing the Abdication Decree, which will be his last act as King, he will leave the country.

According to a statement made by Mrs. Simpson in Cannes, King Edward will not go to that town or the Riviera and that it is highly improbable that they will meet in the near future.—Trans-Ocean Service.

London: Lord Halifax announced yesterday that the House of Lords would swear the oath of allegiance to the new King at 3.45 p.m. to-morrow.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Broadcast Speech By King Edward

London: The British Broadcasting Corporation says that King Edward will broadcast a message as soon as the abdication legislation is passed, which is expected to be about 12 noon to-morrow, on wavelengths GSD, GSC, GSE.

Recordings will be broadcast at 11 a.m. to-day for the American continent on transmitters GSD, GSC, GSB and 2 a.m. to-morrow, also for the American continent on the same wavelengths. At 8 a.m. there will be a broadcast for Australia, the Pacific and the Far East on GSP, GSO, GSB and 11 a.m. to-morrow for India and Ceylon on transmitters GSH, GSF, GSR and at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow for Africa and the Near East on GSI, GSD and GSE.—Reuter.

LONDON PRESS VIEWS

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The *Dundee Advertiser* states that the dominant opinion to-day, formed in all charity, is that something essential for the role of kingship was lacking in the character of King Edward, despite his charm and abundant energetic goodwill.

"NOT THE END"

According to the *Scotsman*, this should not be the end. There ought to have been a point at which His Majesty himself felt that he was treading on a dangerous path. Even within the past week he might have put his personal inclination aside and dedicated himself anew, as his people hoped and wished, to the service of his Country and Empire, but feeling that was too inadequate in the scale of his own human longing, he has taken in the end, the path which is believed represents for him the most honourable sincere and courageous course.—Reuter.

MAGISTRATE AND FAMILY CASES

Criticism Of Type Of Journalism

"DESTROYING WORK OF THE COURT"

Mr. Claud Mullins, the metropolitan magistrate, made the following statement last month on taking his seat at South-Western police court to hear matrimonial cases:

"I have placed on the table in front of the parties in matrimonial cases, and also in the waiting room, the following notice:

"You are advised not to talk about your case to Press reporters."

This is not aimed at the local newspapers which, within the present law — which I hope will soon be amended — report their cases fairly and unemotionally.

But certain London newspapers have recently splashed some of these matrimonial cases, buying the stories of the parties even while the cases were *sub judice*.

This is not fair journalism. It gives the parties a temporary importance which they do not deserve and it does definite harm to them.

Report Received

This can be seen from the report which has been made to me by the Probation Officer here in one of these cases.

"Some months prior to the wife's application the husband had fallen into arrears with his payments on his hire-purchase furniture.

"After the publicity the hire-purchase firm collected the furniture quite legally, giving as their reason their belief that the publicity would adversely affect their business.

"This couple are now reconciled, but are faced with the added difficulty of getting fresh furniture."

In another recent case there have, we believe, been similar results.

The Press generally has supported me in the pioneer work I have tried to do in these sittings.

By this interviewing and exaggerated reporting these newspapers are doing their worst to destroy this work.

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KILLED HER BABY

Young Mother Guilty But Insane

An Old Bailey jury, on which there were three women, last month returned a verdict of guilty but insane against Marguerita McNicholl, aged 32, of Gledwood drive, Hayes, Middlesex, on a charge of murdering her three-and-a-half months' old son.

Mrs. McNicholl was ordered to be detained during the King's pleasure.

She was alleged to have strangled her baby with a tie, and to have said: "I won't have to bath him any more."

Dr. Mathieson, Medical Officer of Holloway Prison, said that when Mrs. McNicholl was admitted to the prison he thought she was certifiable. The only thing one could gather from her was that she was miserable and in a dream. She raved in a few days and was now sane.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the East of Japan another is probably developing over Mongolia and Manchuria. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, is: East winds; moderate; fine to cloudy.

GIRL IN THE GREEN HAT

Love at first sight in the Lord Mayor's Show as revealed by a recent agony.

End Pikeran third row. Can't we meet?—Girl in the Green Hat.

FULL TEXT OF BALDWIN'S STATEMENT

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"I would like to say at the start that His Majesty, as Prince of Wales, has been for many years with a friendship which I value."

"I know he would agree with me in saying to you it was not only friendship between man and man, but friendship and affection, and I would like to tell the House that when we said goodbye on Tuesday night at Fort Belvedere we both felt and said to each other that our friendship so far has been unimpaired, and our discussions in these last few weeks have bound us more closely together than it ever did and would last for life." (Cheers.)

FIRST INTERVIEW

Describing how he had had the first interview with His Majesty, the Premier said he was disquieted by the vast volume of correspondence, mainly from Britishers in America and also from the Dominions, expressing perturbation over what was appearing in the American press.

He was warned also that the divorce case was coming on soon, the result of which made him realise that possibly a difficult situation might arise later. He felt it was essential for someone to see His Majesty and warn him of the difficult situation that might arise later if occasion was given for the continuation of this kind of gossip and criticism, and the danger that might come if the gossip and criticism were brought from the other side of the Atlantic to England.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

He felt in the circumstances that only one man could speak to the King and talk over the matter, namely the Prime Minister. He felt deeply bound by duty to the country and the King, not only as counsellor but as friend, and he was ashamed to say he consulted none of his colleagues, who, however, have forgiven him.

He was staying in the neighbourhood of Fort Belvedere in mid-October, and ascertained that the King was leaving on the afternoon of October 10 to entertain a shooting party at Sandringham. Mr. Baldwin telephoned on the morning of that day and found that the King had already left, so he communicated with him through his Secretary and stated that he desired to see him (This, said Mr. Baldwin, was the first and only occasion on which he had asked for an interview, and as the matter was urgent he told him what it was).

WANTED SECRECY

Mr. Baldwin expressed willingness to go to Sandringham on October 20, but said he thought it wiser for the King to see him at Fort Belvedere, for he was anxious that nobody should know of his visit and that their first talk should be completely private. He informed the King on his return to Belvedere on October 19 that he would see him on the morning of the next day.

Mr. Baldwin here remarked that an adviser to the Crown could do no possible service to his master unless he told him from time to time the truth as he saw it (Cheers), whether the truth was welcome or not.

KING NOT SURPRISED

During the talks there was nothing he had not told His Majesty of what he felt the King ought to be aware. His Majesty never showed any sign of offence, of being hurt at anything Mr. Baldwin said to him. The whole discussion was carried out with increased, if possible, mutual respect and regard.

Mr. Baldwin told him he had two great anxieties. One was the effect of the continuance of the kind of criticism then proceeding in the American press and Dominions, particularly Canada, where it was widespread, and the effect it would have in England, and then, said Mr. Baldwin, "I reminded him what I often told him and his brothers in years past that the British monarchy was an unique institution in this country. Through centuries it has been deprived of many of its prerogatives yet to-day it stands far more than it has done at any time in the history of the country."

GRAVE DANGER

The importance of its integrity is unquestionably far greater to-day than it has ever been as it is not only the last link in the chain of the Empire but also a

guarantee in this country as long as it exists of that integrity against the many evils that have afflicted other countries, but while that feeling largely depended on the respect which has grown up during the last three generations for the Monarchy, it might not take so long in the face of criticism, to lose that power far more rapidly than it took to build it up.

Mr. Baldwin said that once lost he doubted if anything could restore it. That was the basis of his talk and it was on that aspect that he expressed his anxiety and desire that such anxiety should have no cause to go on. Mr. Baldwin said, he expressed the view that no popularity in the long run could be weighed against the effect of criticism. "I told His Majesty that I, for one, looked forward to his reign as being a great reign in a new life, for he has so many of the qualities that is necessary for such office." (Cheers.)

NO ONE ELSE WANTED

Mr. Baldwin said that he told the King that he came naturally as the Prime Minister but he also wanted to talk the matter over as a friend and see if he could help the King. His Majesty said many times during the many hours they had together, especially towards the end, "You and I must settle this matter together; I will not have anyone interfering."

The Premier said that he then pointed out the danger of divorce proceedings and that if a verdict was given in that case which left the matter in suspense for some time, the period of suspense might be ruinous because once the Press began to comment on the subject in England, a most difficult situation would arise for both of them and it might well be the danger which both of them had seen all through and which was one of the reasons for acting quickly, namely that sides might be taken and factions grow up on a matter where in England no factions ought to exist.

They talked for hours on this aspect and Mr. Baldwin went away, glad that the ice had been broken. His conscience was then clear and they had no further meetings for some little time. He had begged His Majesty to consider all he had said but had not pressed him for any kind of answer.

PREMIER SENT FOR

The next time Mr. Baldwin saw the King was at Buckingham Palace, on November 16, when the *decree nisi* had been pronounced in the divorce case. The King sent for him and Mr. Baldwin spoke to His Majesty for a quarter-of-an-hour on the question of his marriage.

The Premier here emphasised that the Cabinet had not been in this at all and said that he reported to four of his colleagues regarding the conversation at Fort Belvedere and proceeded to say that he told the King that he did not think this particular marriage would receive the approbation of the country as the marriage would involve the lady becoming queen and "I said to His Majesty, I might be the remnant of the old Victorians but even my worst enemies would not say I did not know what the reaction of the English people would be to any particular course of action."

Mr. Baldwin said he told the King that he was certain it would be impracticable and he pointed out the fact that the position of the King's wife was different from the position of the wife of any citizen in the country, and that it was part of the price a King has to pay that his wife becomes the queen of the country and, therefore, in the choice of a queen, the voice of the people must be heard. On his choice depends the safety and health of the whole State, and His Majesty then said that he wanted to tell Mr. Baldwin something he had long wanted to tell him and said, "I am going to marry Mrs. Simpson and I am prepared to go."

IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMENT

The Premier replied, "Sire, that is most grievous news and it is impossible for me to make any comment on it."

The King told Queen Mary of his decision that night and their Royal Highnesses the Duke of York and the Duke of Gloucester the next day, and the Duke of Kent on Wednesday or Thursday. He sent for Mr. Baldwin again on November 25, but in the meantime a suggestion had been made to Mr. Baldwin that it was possible that a compromise might be arranged to avoid the two possibilities that had been seen approach-

ing. The compromise, said Mr. Baldwin, was that the King would marry and that Parliament would pass an Act to enable the lady to be the King's wife without the position of Queen. The King, when he saw Mr. Baldwin on November 25, asked him if that proposition had been put to him and on the Premier replying in the affirmative, the King asked him what he thought of it. Mr. Baldwin informed His Majesty that he had not considered it, but his first reaction, informally, was that Parliament would never pass it (Cheers).

KING NOT OFFENDED

In reply to the Premier, the King said he desired Mr. Baldwin to put the matter formally before the Cabinet and also to communicate with the Prime Ministers of all the Dominions. The King asked Mr. Baldwin to see him again on December 2, when Mr. Baldwin told His Majesty that he was afraid that the proposition was impracticable because neither in the Dominions nor Britain would there be any prospect of such a legislation being accepted. The King said that he was not surprised at the answer, and behaved as a great gentleman. He never referred to the subject again.

Mr. Baldwin said he then pointed out the gravity of the possible alternative that the King would be placed in a grievous situation between two conflicting loyalties in his own House, that is, either the complete abandonment of the project on which he had set his heart and remaining King, or going and later contracting the marriage, if possible.

From that date till now, Mr. Baldwin said, that has been the struggle on which His Majesty has been engaged. They had had many talks but they had always been on the various aspects of this limited problem. Mr. Baldwin emphasised the fact that the King was not a boy but a matured man with a wide experience of life and the world. His Majesty had repeatedly said that if he ever went, he would go with dignity and he wanted to go with as little disturbance as possible to the Ministers and people, and in circumstances that would make succession as little difficult as possible for his brother. Mr. Baldwin said that any idea of what might be called the King's party was abhorrent to the King. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

PENCILLED NOTE

The King stayed at Fort Belvedere because he said he was not coming to London while the matter was under dispute and owing to the cheering crowds. Mr. Baldwin said that he honoured and respected him for the way he behaved and Mr. Baldwin then read a pencilled note that had been sent to him by the King that morning saying that he and the Duke of York had always been on the best of terms and the King was confident the Duke deserves, and will receive, the support of the whole Empire. (Cheers.)

Mr. Baldwin continued that the King had told him that he cannot carry the almost intolerable burden of kingship without a woman by his side. A crisis has arisen now rather than later from the very frankness of the King's character, which is one of his many attractions. It would have been perfectly possible for the King not to have told the Premier for months, but he made the declaration in order to avoid what he felt might have been dangers not only to England, but also to the whole Empire. He told the Premier of his intentions and he has never wavered from them, but he felt it his duty to consider earnestly all representations made by his advisers before making public his decision.

Mr. Baldwin said that there had been no signs of conflict in his efforts and those who are most closely connected with the King, and the last few days were directed in trying to help the King to make the choice which he has now made.

"WE FAILED"

"We failed," said the Premier. The King made his decision now because he confidently hoped that by so doing he would preserve the unity of the country and Empire and so avoid factions; differences which might so easily have arisen. Mr. Baldwin then read the minutes passed by the Cabinet when it received the King's final answer on Wednesday morning, hoping His Majesty would reconsider his decision, and His Majesty's reply

FILM STAR AS FARMER

Glenda Farrell Is Selling For Hollywood Home

Mrs. Glenda Farrell, who starred with Joan Blondell in the recent film, "We're In The Money," is selling her Hollywood home.

She is going to buy a farm about 20 miles out of town. Her ambition is to raise prize cattle and chickens, and to grow vegetables and fruit.

was received on Wednesday night regretting that he was unable to alter his decision after further consideration.

Mr. Baldwin said that he was convinced that where he failed, nobody could have succeeded. (Cheers.) He appealed for dignity in the conduct and speedy carrying out of the King's wishes, and avoidance of any painful utterance. He paid a tribute to the revered and beloved Queen Mary and asked the House to remember what this period must have meant to her.

COUNTRY'S DUTY

Concluding his statement, Mr. Baldwin said, "After all, as guardians of democracy in this island, we have to see that we do our work and maintain the integrity of the monarchy which is now the sole link of the Empire and guardian of our freedom. Let us look forward and remember our country and the trust reposed by the country in the House of Commons, and rally behind the new King and help him. (Loud cheers.)"

"Whatever the country might have suffered by what we are passing through, let us hope that it will soon be repaired and that we will continue in our task of trying to make it a better country for our people."—Reuter.

TENSE ATMOSPHERE

London: The atmosphere was acute with tension yesterday when the Speaker took his seat in the House of Commons at 2.45 p.m. to preside at the most dramatic sitting in Parliament in recent times. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, made his pronouncement giving the King's decision at about 3.30 p.m. after the questions had been disposed of. There was a steady stream of telegraph and departmental messengers in Downing Street throughout the morning where large crowds had gathered, and newspaper vendors had a busy time.

The people's anxiety was reflected in the faces of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of York, the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent, all of whom looked very pale and tired, on their arrival, separately, at Fort Belvedere at about 3.45 a.m., each in his own car.—Reuter.

King's Message To Nation

The text of the King's message, read in a grave voice by the speaker, was as follows:—

"After long and anxious consideration I am determined to renounce the throne to which I succeeded on the death of my father, and I am now communicating this my final and irrevocable decision."

"Realising as I do the gravity of this step, I can only hope that I shall have the understanding of my peoples in the decision I have taken and the reasons which have led me to take it."

"I will not enter now into my private feelings, but I would beg that it should be remembered that the burden which will constantly rest upon the shoulders of a Sovereign is so heavy that it can only be borne in circumstances different from those in which I now find myself."

"I conceive that I am not overlooking the duty that rests on me to place in the forefront the public interests, when I declare that I am conscious that I can no longer discharge this task with efficiency or with satisfaction to myself."

"I have accordingly this morning executed an Instrument of Abdication in the terms following—I, Edward VIII of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions Beyond the Seas and King Emperor of India, do hereby declare my irrevocable determination to renounce the Throne for myself and for my descendants, and my desire that effect should be given to this Instrument of Abdication immediately. In token whereof I have hereto set my hand this Tenth Day of December 1936 in the presence of the witnesses whose signatures are subscribed at foot of next Col."

Great Britain's New Monarch

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and after months of lessons and hard work—he used to practise even on board ship for two hours every day—the stammer eventually disappeared.

His speech at Canberra was delivered without hesitation and the ordeal which he had feared as a catastrophe became a great personal victory.

From the time that his speech difficulties began to disappear, the King also lost his nervousness with strangers and became a "good mixer."

On their return to London, the King and Queen received a warm welcome, which became tumultuous when they appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace with the baby Princess Elizabeth.

After acting as one of the six Councillors of State appointed to act for His late Majesty during his illness in 1928, the King was named Lord Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1929. It was the first time that the office had been held by a member of the Royal Family since 1600 and the old Royal Palace at Holyrood was opened for the occasion.

The King and Queen held court there during their stay which marked perhaps the most brilliant season which Edinburgh had known in modern times.

The King who as the Duke of York was Lord Commissioner and representative of the late King George, sat enthroned in Edinburgh on the occasion of the reunion of the two great bodies into which the Church of Scotland had been divided for so many years.

In all the ceremonies connected with their visit, the King and Queen saw to it that as far as possible the children should be given places in the front so that they should see as much as possible.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE
Tall, slim and good looking, with an almost Roman gravity, the King more closely resembles his father than either of the others of the King's sons.

More intellectual than the Prince of Wales, he is his elder brother's match on the golf links and plays a good game of lawn tennis (left handed) and squash. As a rider, shot and fisherman, he is only excelled by his younger brother, the Duke of Gloucester.

In the early days of wireless, he was a great fan and spent a considerable part of his leisure time trying out every new gadget on his own work bench at 145 Piccadilly. He supervised the working of the two sets at Buckingham Palace and personally fixed the wiring and switches for an extension to Princess Elizabeth's nursery in 1931.

A "FAMILY MAN"
But his great passion is children. A thoroughly "family man," he is never happier than when he is playing with Princess Elizabeth and her little sister Princess Margaret Rose, who was born on August 21, 1930.

Never, if he can possibly help it, does he miss going to the nursery to say "goodnight" to the children.

A devoted father, he is also a devoted husband. When he said once in a speech "I know what a difference a wife makes in a home," he paid one of many tributes which he paid publicly to his wife. He never forgets their wedding anniversary, making a point of giving the Queen a special gift every year to commemorate the event.

In his normal working day, too, his wife has a definite place. After doing two hours work with his staff in the morning, he is claimed by the Queen at 12 o'clock for a stroll in Hyde Park or the Green Park or perhaps in the shopping centres in the neighbourhood of their home before lunch. If he has no public engagements in the evening, he likes nothing better than to spend the time quietly at home.

SOCIAL SERVICE WORK
The King is especially interested in social service work. During his tours of industrial towns, he always insists on going everywhere and getting all the knowledge possible. Once when it was suggested to him that a certain department of a glove factory might be missed, he insisted on going there, saying that if people had to work there, he would go there, too.

He never tires of emphasising what he considers to be the main qualities of a leader—idealism and sympathy. These two qualities, he himself possesses to a high degree, and he considers that a camp boy's remark that he is "a human being" is the greatest compliment ever paid to him.

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The object of the camp is to break down class barriers and for a fortnight every summer the boys live together under canvas. Class distinctions are taboo and the boys worked, play, and swim together on equal footing.

The King himself always spends a day or two with them, wearing the shorts and open shirt which are the regulation dress of the camp.

His visits are exceedingly popular, for he takes an active part in camp life, and usually enjoys a swim with the boys, retiring to the beach afterwards to eat ginger biscuits with them.

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"Ah," answered his daughter promptly—and in went the toothbrush.

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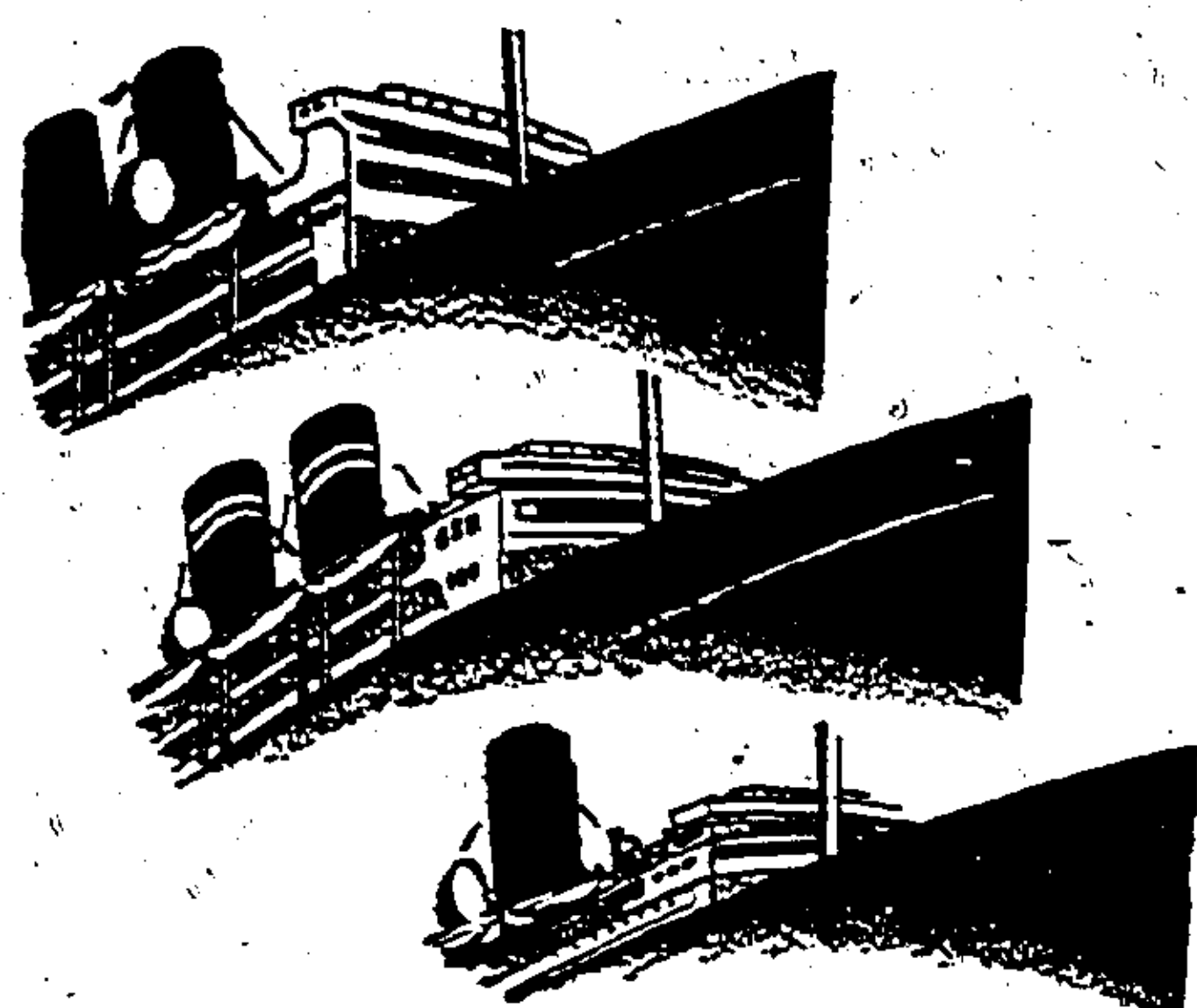
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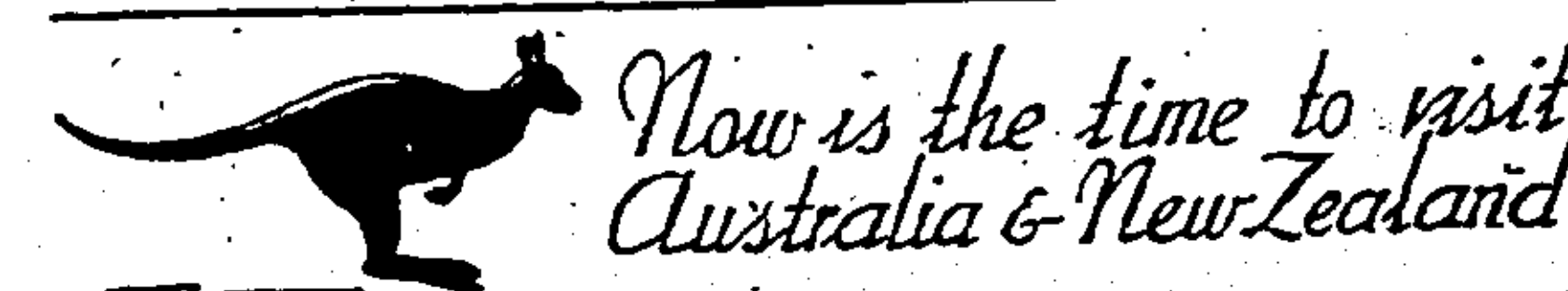
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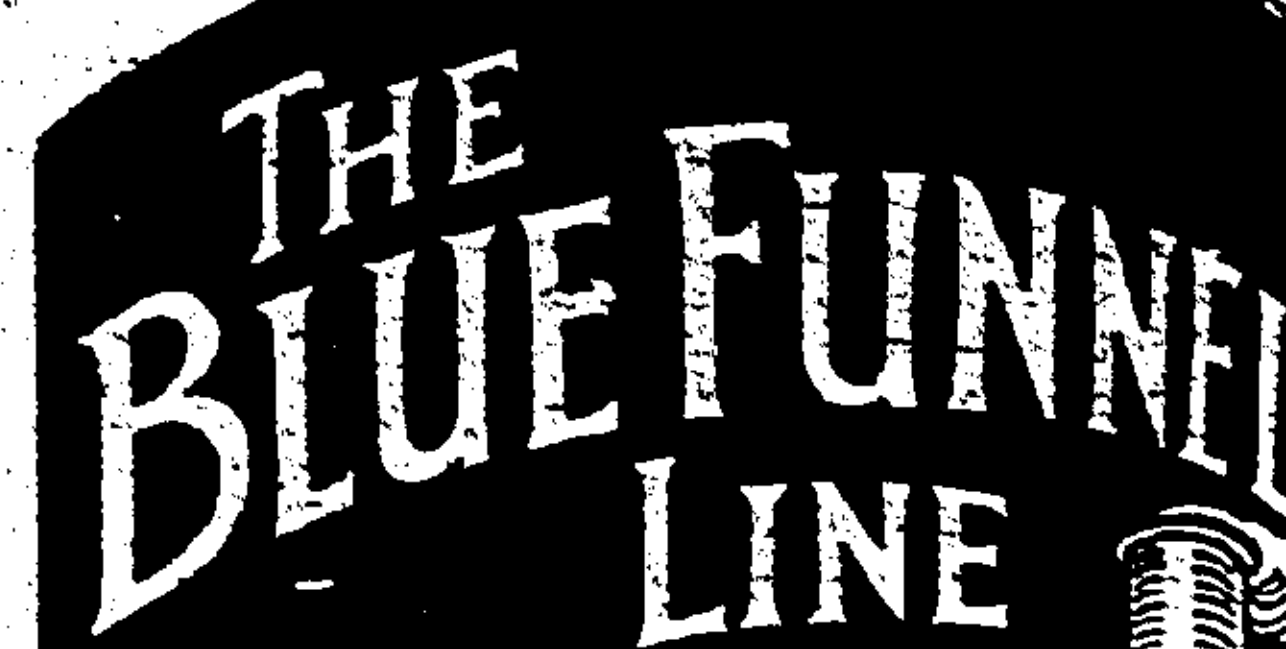
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press. Rugby Press. Local: Time, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Classical Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—The Orchestra Raymounde. Debussy in Vienna (arr. Walter). Indian Mail—Descriptive (Lamotte).
Glow Worm—Intermezzo (Lincke). Berceuse (Jarnetfelt). Stephanie Gavotte (Czibulka). A night on the waves (Koskimas). Electric Girl (Heilmann).
The Dancing Clock (Ewing).
7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—"Mandala" (Kipling, arr. Willet). Sung by Raymond Newell (Baritone).
7.40 p.m.—From the Studio. Billy Mayerl Transcriptions by Yasudil Senai.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77 (Brahms) played by Fritz Kreisler and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Conducted by John Barbirolli.
8.40 p.m.—Overture—"Don Giovanni" (Mozart), played by the State Orchestra, Berlin. Conducted by Dr. Leo Blech.
8.45 p.m.—From the Studio. A Recital by Madame Francesca Denies (Soprano).
Programme
"La Tosca"—Visi d'Arte (Verdi). Ideale (Tosti).
Winds in the Trees (Goring Thomas). Solovej's Song (Grieg).
9 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.20 p.m.—From the Studio. A Recital for two pianos by Marina Barretto and Harry Ore.
Programme
1. Duetto in Mozart's Style (Busoni).
2. Solo: Marina Barretto—Concert Study in D Flat Major (Liszt).
3. Valse in C Major (Arensky).
9.40 p.m.—"Moonlight on the Alps" (Fetras), played by Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—From the Studio. The 2nd of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket," by R. Abbit.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben. Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wireless Fan's Appreciation

[To The Editor, "China Mail"]

Sir,—I would very much like to show my appreciation for the splendid broadcast programme on Wednesday December 9.

There has been so much criticism, on and off, about the programmes from local stations that it gives me great pleasure to praise the committee on this occasion.

I was at a dinner party last evening and we were all most interested in the programme in general, particularly the studio items which we considered outstanding.

The gramophone records were well chosen to suit all tastes, and the studio singing and instrumental items were exceptionally good.

Being fond of music, I was able to appreciate the very fine singing of Albert A. Barton whose voice is full of beautiful tone and very clear diction. Why have we not heard him before? These remarks apply equally to Violet McGowan who gave some very fine renderings of operatic songs.

Susan Jones A. B. C. M. was a joy to listen to and her 15-minute recital passed too quickly. Keep this up Z. B. W. I would like to suggest that we have many more such good broadcasts in the near future.

A MUSIC LOVER.
Hong Kong, December 10.

SHE SEES RED

Mrs. Catherine C. Wolf, of Fairfield, California, is petitioning for the annulment of her marriage on the ground that her husband is a Communist.

Amusements

Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"WE WENT TO COLLEGE"—KING'S THEATRE

One of the most notable casts assembled in recent months for a romantic comedy was completed at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer with the signing of Charles Butterworth and Walter Abel for two of the principal roles in "We Went to College."

Hugh Herbert, Una Merkel, Walter Catlett and Edith Atwater have other outstanding assignments in the picture, which Joseph Santley directed.

The play was written by Richard Maibum and Maurice Rapp, from a story by George Oppenheimer and Finley Peter Dunne, Jr.

The plot revolves about the efforts of "old grads" to recapture, during Homecoming Week at a large university, the idealism and excitement of their school days. A strong note of romantic interest is added by the wife of a professor, who endeavours to reawaken the dormant love of her husband's best friend.

Promised highlights in "We Went to College" include a football game, with emphasis on the net—always passive spectators, fraternity dances, a varsity play, an alumni parade, with the old grads dressed in hilarious costumes; a huge stag party, and other typical campus spectacles.

"SWING TIME"—QUEEN'S ALHAMBRA AND STAR THEATRES

Vandeville may be dead, but its former headline performers most certainly are not. Four of them, in fact, are playing the top roles in the new musical production, "Swing Time."

Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Victor Moore and Helen Broderick are the ex-vandevillians appearing together in the current song and dance film. Astaire and Miss Rogers are co-starring, and Moore and Miss Broderick are playing principal supporting roles.

In addition to the "big four" of the cast, other "Swing Time" players are former vandevillians. Among the latter group are Frank Jenks, Donald Kerr, and Jack Good, all of whom play comedy roles and do a dance with Astaire.

Eric Blore, the funny butler of former Astaire and Rogers musicals, now cast as a dancing school proprietor, hails from the London stage, where he was in the troupe which featured Fred Astaire in "The Gay Divorcee." Betty Furness, who is grouped among the supporting principals in "Swing Time," is a product strictly of the films.

"LA VIE PARISIENNE"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

Neil Hamilton and Conchita Montenegro have starred in countless Hollywood films although they have never appeared together before this picture, which is based upon Offenbach's famous operetta "La Vie Parisienne," under the title of "Parisienne Life."

The story, a delightful blend of love, music and misadventure, in Paris, provided the two principals with light-hearted roles as the gay young lovers. The rest of the cast includes Max Dearly, the famous French comedian; Carol Goodner, Eva Moore, Austin Trevor, and Tyril Davis.

"Parisienne Life" was produced by Seymour Nebenzahl and directed by Robert Siodmak.

"CEILING ZERO"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

"Ceiling Zero" is one of the most thrilling and glamorous air romances ever screened.

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The screen is able to picture many of these thrills with planes in actual flight, grouping about in fogs so dense there was no visibility whatever.

RESIDE HEROES

Members of the Men's Fire Brigade Meeting at Grenfell Hall, Hornchurch, last month passed a resolution declaring that, in future, they will not give up their seats to women in buses or trains.

BRIDGE NOTES

Playing Safe

By Ely Culbertson

At times players are forced to hairline decisions that no degree of expertness, in fact nothing short of clairvoyance, can insure for correctness. What the British Bridge World magazine calls the "most discussed hand of the year" falls squarely into this category. It was played in a team-of-four match in England, the results on this one hand virtually deciding the match. The hand was:

WEST DEALER			
North-South vulnerable.			
NORTH			
S 9			
H Q J 9 8 2			
D 10 7 5			
C K 8 3 2			
WEST			
S A K Q J 10 8		S 5 4 3 2	
H A 10 5		H K 7 6 4 3	
D Q J		D None	
C 9 7		C J 10 6 4	
SOUTH			
S 7 6			
H None			
D A K 9 8 6 4 3 2			
C A Q 5			

In one room the bidding ended at five spades doubled and, undoubtedly through poor defence, the contract was fulfilled.

In the other room the bidding was as follows:

West	North	East	South
2 S	Pass	3 S	4 D
4 S	5 D	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	5 S	6 D
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

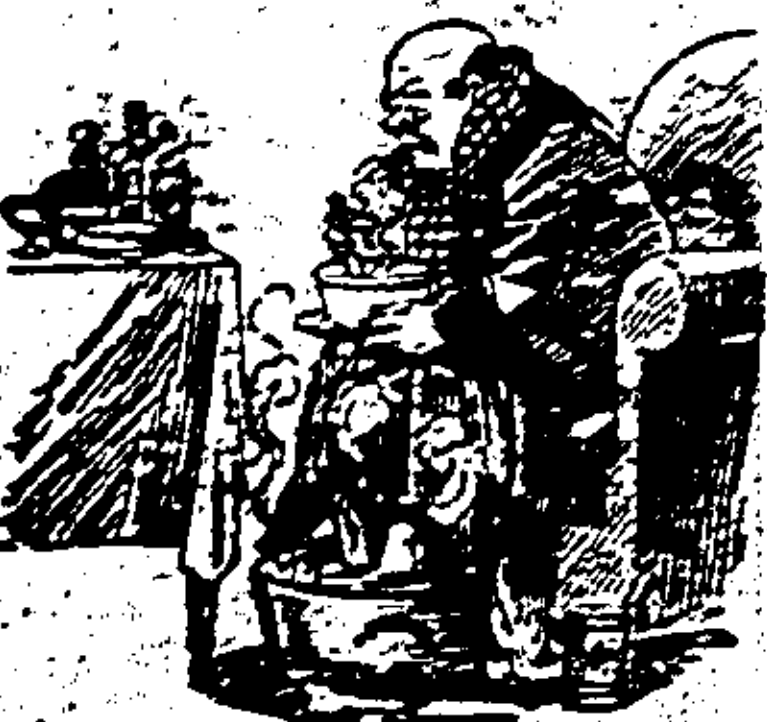
In fairness to the West player I must point out that he was not playing any of the American systems in which an opening two bid means an enormous hand. I am not quite sure what his two bid did mean, probably a hand containing about seven playing tricks and three honour tricks. At any rate, this is not the "hairline decision" I mentioned in my preamble. The important phase of the bidding revolves around the final contract.

Since West could not be certain of defeating the diamond slam (his pass evidenced the fact that he wasn't certain) a simple matter of percentage should have pointed out the safe course. West knew positively that he could not be slaughtered at six spades, since he was not vulnerable, whereas in passing to the six diamond double he was risking the loss of 1,500 points. Certainly he could not hope to defeat the bid more than one trick, which would have meant 200 points. Add to this latter amount the 300, or even 500 points that six spades might be set. Thus it will be seen that the possible gain from permitting the six diamond double to stand was 700 points, to the possible loss of 1,500.

And that is the guide to close decisions!

NOT SO

Innocent was the name of a defendant found guilty at Wood Green of exceeding the 30-mile speed limit.



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SOVIET REPLY TO PROPOSALS BY THE POWERS

Ammunition Question Raised

NOT TO BE INCLUDED UNDER HEADING OF INTERVENTION

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.

On behalf of the Soviet Government the Foreign Commissar, M. Litvinov, handed yesterday to the British and French Ambassadors the Soviet Government's reply to the joint proposals of their Governments contained in the Note of December 4, regarding the situation in Spain.

The Soviet Government declares itself in agreement in principle with the adoption of the measures for preventing any international danger arising from the Spanish civil war, but at the same time makes the important reservation that the ammunition supplied to the Caballero Government should not come under the heading of intervention.

The Soviet Government supports the proposal that participation by foreign volunteers in the Spanish civil war should be prevented, and also declares itself prepared to co-operate in an attempt to bring the conflict in Spain to an end through mediatory action. It considers, however, that preliminary negotiations with other Governments, regarding the form such mediation should take, will be necessary.

ARMISTICE PROPOSED

Paris: A proposal that a Christmas armistice of eight days, between Christmas and the New Year, was made yesterday to General Franco by the Basque Separatists, according to reports received here. The answer of General Franco has not yet been revealed.

MALICIOUS REPORT

Rome: Reports that Italian volunteers are being transported to Spain to fight on the side of the Nationalists are denied here in informed circles and are characterized as false and deliberately malicious.—Trans-Ocean Service.

COUNCIL MEETING

Geneva: The League Council meeting opens at 5 p.m. to-day to discuss the Spanish situation. The fact that Britain, France and Russia will not be represented by their Foreign Ministers has disappointed the Spanish Government, but it is not expected that the Council will make any important statement.—Reuter.

NO SERIOUS CLASHES

Madrid: No serious engagements between the rival forces have been reported on the fronts around the city beyond aerial bombardments on the capital by insurgent planes and air raids on the insurgent lines by Government planes.

The Government at Catalonia states that their forces are attacking the insurgents on three fronts. The Basque Government at Bilbao has ordered all representatives of the German and Italian Governments to leave. Fifty British subjects are leaving Madrid to-day.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

OBITUARY

Luigi Pirandello, The Playwright

Rome, To-day.

The death occurred here yesterday of Luigi Pirandello, the famous playwright.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Pirandello was born in Sicily in 1867 and was educated in Rome, winning the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1934. He had many publications to his name including "Better Think Twice About It" (1933), "The Naked Truth" (1934), and "Information on My Voluntary Sojourn on the Earth" (1935).

POPE ADVISED TO REST UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Vatican City: A bulletin issued this morning states that Pope Pius spent a satisfactory night and is making normal progress towards recovery. He got up for a short time yesterday and walked to his study, but he has been medically advised to remain in his private apartment until Christmas.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ITALIAN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IN ABYSSINIA

Rome, To-day.—A communique from Addis Ababa states that Italian forces are starting a punitive expedition in the Harar region and adds that brigandage in Abyssinia has now been completely stamped out. It is reported that 25,000 rifles and 312 machine guns were captured from the Abyssinians in the recent encounters.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CHINESE DOMINATE SITUATION

Early End To "War" Expected

Peiping, To-day.

A Chinese telegram claims that the Suiyuan troops captured Tamiao, the last important stronghold of the invaders in Northern Suiyuan, last night. One division of the Manchukuo irregulars are reported to have been annihilated. The victory heralds the early end of the fighting in Northern Suiyuan which is now being dominated by the Chinese.

Before the present campaign, this part of the province was only nominally controlled by the Suiyuan Government whose authority ceased north of Pailingmiao.—Reuter.

WHERE IS WANG YING?

Mongolian Commander Reported Missing

Canton, To-day.

It is reported that the whereabouts of the Mongolian Commander, Wang Ying, is not known, and his troops have already been re-organized by the Manchurian Commander, Li Shou-sen. Rumours are current that he was either sentenced to death by foreigners, because he had lost the strongholds of Pakingmiao and Tamiao, or that he has fled.

Hearing of the loss of Tamiao, the three Manchurian divisions under the directions of the foreigners at Dolon have proceeded to Shangtu, Pangkiang and Changpei, one division for each place, to strengthen the bandits there.—From Our Own Correspondent.

THE TSINGTAO PROBLEM

Two Fresh Incidents Crop Up

Canton, To-day.

Though it has been periodically reported that the Tsingtao problem was going to be settled by the Chinese and Japanese authorities, two different incidents happened there yesterday morning.

It is stated that at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, the Tsingtao University was raided by Japanese bluejackets and a number of books were taken away by them. Admiral Shen Hing-lik, the Mayor, is at present doing his best to prevent the students from making more trouble. It is learned that at the same time there was a fight between the foreigners and coolies at the wharf, when a consignment of goods were seized by the Maritime Customs.—From Our Own Correspondent.

KWANGTUNG'S THREE-YEAR PLAN AWAITS APPROVAL

Canton, To-day.—It is officially stated that the Kwangtung Provincial Government has concluded the details regarding the three-year plan for the province, and they have been sent up to the Executive Yuan for approval. From well-informed circles, it is learned that the plan deals largely with the Government's productive industries and the national defensive work in South China.—From Our Own Correspondent.

WARNING FROM JAPAN

Prepared To Take Action

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese are prepared to take adequate measures should Japan's lives and property in China be jeopardized and Japanese rights and interests violated.—said a spokesman of the Foreign

RADIO OFFICE TO BE SOLD

Negotiations Now Under Way

POSTMASTER-GENERAL INTERVIEWED

If the negotiations, which are now being carried on, are successfully concluded before the end of the month, the Government Radio Office will pass into the hands of a privately owned telegraph company on January 1, next.

Interviewed by the China Mail this morning, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, the Postmaster General, said that he is not in a position to state what the reasons are for the Government wishing to dispose of the Radio Office. Asked whether it was because of financial losses, Mr. Wynne-Jones replied, "There are many reasons."

The postmaster General concluded by saying that he was very sorry that he is, at the moment, not able to reveal the name of the company with whom the Government is negotiating, and the sum for which the Radio Office will be disposed of.

The Great Northern Telegraph Company, and the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, are the only other telegraph concerns in the Colony.

Mr. H. R. Butters, from whom Mr. Wynne-Jones is taking over the position of Postmaster-General, would neither confirm nor deny the report.

NOBEL PRIZES

Presentations Made By King Gustav

Stockholm, To-day

The Nobel prizes were awarded to-day in Oslo and in Stockholm during impressive ceremonies. The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, von Ossietzky, was not present to receive his prize, but in his absence, Professor Friedrich Stang gave a short address in his honour, which the Swedish *Aftenposten* characterized as "The most singular speech ever made about a man who had won the Nobel Peace Prize."

King Gustav himself presented the prizes in Stockholm in the presence of the Royal family and members of the Government.

Due to illness, the Literature prize-winner, Eugene O'Neill, could not be present and was represented by the American Minister to Sweden.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Oslo: Among the absent winners were Dr. de Lamas, the Chilean Foreign Minister, winner of the Peace Prize for 1936, and Herr Ossietzky, winner of the prize in 1935, who is at present in hospital in Berlin.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MARRIAGE AT REGISTRY

Martin — Viatskih

A quiet wedding took place at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, this morning, when Mr. Hugh Martin, of No. 321, Avenue Petain, Shanghai, and Miss Eugenia G. Viatskih, of No. 700, Avenue Petain, Shanghai, were married before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, the Registrar of Marriages. Witnesses to the ceremony were Messrs. T. A. Martin and A. S. Adamson.

The newly-married couple are leaving by the s.s. D'Artagnan for Shanghai this afternoon.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Albert Cross, a marine engineer residing at No. 7, Homantin Street, and Miss Louise Mary Jorge, of No. 186, (second floor) Boundary Street, Kowloon.

Office in the course of an explanation of the present status of the Sino-Japanese negotiations in Nanking.

The spokesman recapitulated the anti-Japanese incident and said that, as a result of the negotiations following the Chengtu affairs on August 14, it was declared that the Chinese Government had accepted the four points mentioned on December 4, but that subsequently the Chinese Government "took advantage of the East Suiyuan question to threaten to repudiate them."

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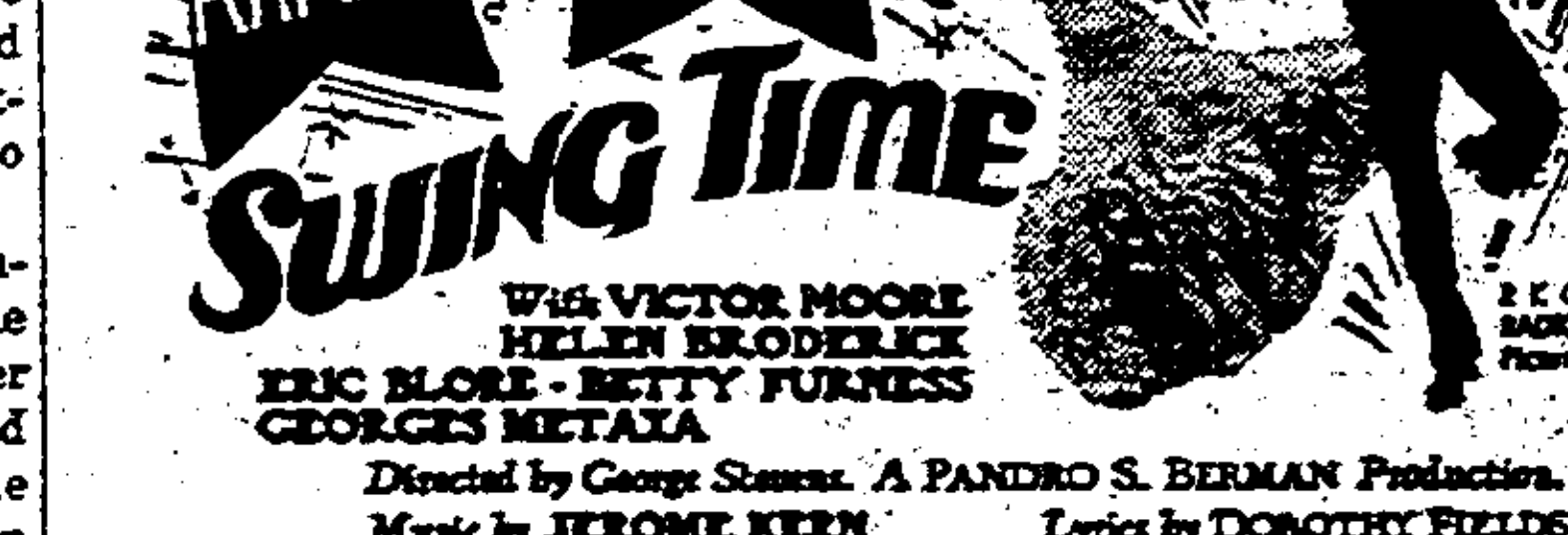
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